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SPECIAL SALE
On MONDAY morning, Nov. 18, at 10 o'clock, sale of New and Second-hand Furniture, Carpets, &c., in order to make room for Spring trade.
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On TUESDAY, Nov. 19, at 10 o'clock, 200 Thibets and Cashmeres in all the fashionable colors, the finest lot of goods ever offered at auction in Chicago.
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On WEDNESDAY MORNG., Nov. 20, 1872, at 10 o'clock, we will sell at auction, on the premises, all the condemned houses on line of the C., C. A. I. G. R. R. Co., beginning at North Cuttle-st. and extending west to Wood-st., comprising
Over 75 Houses of all Descriptions.
Full particulars can be had at our office, 63 S. Canal-st. The sale will be positively cash, and the houses must be removed off the premises.
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PROPOSALS.
PROPOSALS
For Material, and Work and Labor Required in the Construction of the Cook County Jail and Criminal Court Building.
Sealed proposals will be received until the 25th day of November, 1872, at noon, by the Committee on Public Buildings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, for furnishing and delivering of all the material for the Cook County Jail and Criminal Court Building, being erected on the corner of Michigan and Desplaines-sts., in the City of Chicago, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of said Committee, consisting of the following, to-wit:
1. All material, work, labor, construction, and hauling for the stone, stone cutting, and setting of the same.
2. All material, work, labor, and hauling, and setting of the brick work complete.
3. All material, work, labor, and hauling, and setting of the iron work complete.
4. All material, work, labor, contrivance, and tools for the building, carpenter, joiner, and stair work complete.
5. All material, work, labor, construction, and hauling for the plumbing and gas-fitting complete.
6. The same to be used may be granted to bidders.
Bidders may inclose one or more of the items in their proposals, and all proposals must be sealed and delivered to the undersigned at the office of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on or before the 25th day of November, 1872, at noon, and must be accompanied with a copy of the specifications, and with a bond in the sum of one thousand ($1,000) dollars for each item bid for, to be approved by said Committee, that if the bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the bidder, he will accept and execute said contract, and give bond with approved security therefor as required by law.
For the stone, masons, and plastering work and materials.....$
For the iron work and materials.....$
For the carpenter, joiners, and builders' work and materials.....$
For the plumbing, gas-fitting work and materials.....$
The right to reject any or all bids received, is reserved. Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, and indorsed "Proposals for the various kinds of work and materials," as the case may be, and delivered to the County Clerk, Board of Commissioners of Cook County.
HARRISON CARTER,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
H. H. PAHLMAN,
Committee on Public Buildings, Board of Commissioners of Cook County.
CHICAGO, Nov. 12, 1872.

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIES.
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 15, 1872.
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Illinois State Penitentiary, up to Dec. 17, 1872, at 9 o'clock, A. M., for furnishing of the following supplies, needed at the Penitentiary:
300 bris superfine flour, per month.
100 bris family flour per month.
50 bris Graham flour per month.
50 to 80 head 3d grade fat steers, per month, from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs.
5,000 lbs Rio coffee.
50 bris "C" sugar.
50 bris "A" sugar.
50 lbs Japan tea.
1,000 lbs rice.
1,000 lbs Illinois coal.
2,000 yards prints, stripe (fatinet), 27 inches wide.
1,000 yards jeans per yard.
10,000 lbs common soap.
Every bid must be accompanied by a bond of $5,000, approved by the Commissioners. The goods to be delivered as they want them. Cash will be paid on delivery of goods. The bids are to be opened on Dec. 17, A. D. 1872, at o'clock at said office, in the presence of bidders, or their agents, who may be present. Each bid, as far as possible, to be for a separate article, showing quality to be furnished. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any bid which, in their judgment, is not to the interest of the State. Further particulars apply to the Warden, at Joliet, Ill.
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CHARLES BUTZ,
RICHARD ROWETT,
Commissioners.

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Dr. Bigelow has graduated with honor at a well-known college in this country. His praises are in the mouths of thousands, and in the months of his patients; they are not idle words either, but are sounded at our doors; they are heard on every side; they are known and read of all men. Gentlemen of character, of the highest respectability, and members of the medical faculty, have been practicing in Chicago, are editors of respectable journals, and have given Dr. Bigelow his MEDICAL TREATISE for ladies and gentlemen to study, and to satisfy themselves in regard to the merits of his skill; they can also refer to patients whom he has cured. CONSULTATION FREE. Office in this city, with SEPARATE PARLORS for ladies and gentlemen. Call at or address letters to the Doctor. DOCTOR CONSULTATION CONFIDENTIAL. Address all letters to DR. BIGELOW, No. 494 Clark-st. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.; Sundays, 9 to 1 p. m.
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The Steamer GREAT REPUBLIC
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MEETINGS.
Masonic.
The regular conclave of Gourgas Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, will be held at the Masonic Temple, corner Halsted and Randolph-sts., Monday evening at 7½ o'clock. Work.
JAMES H. MILLS, Gr. Sec'y.

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WASHINGTON.

The President's Message to be More Liberal to the South.

Territorial Acquisition the Key-Note of the Second Term.

Civil Service Reform to be Applied to the New York Custom House.

The Congressional Influx.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE KANSAS SENATORS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, arrived here to-day, and will remain until the meeting of Congress. He is in very cheerful spirits, and speaks with confidence of his re-election. He says the canvass in his State moved wholly upon the election of Senator, and that the war-cries of the campaign were "Pomeroy" and "Anti-Pomeroy." He knows nothing of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which was, at the close of the last session, instructed to investigate, during the recess, the charges of corruption in the election of his colleague, Senator Caldwell. This Committee, of which Senator Morton is Chairman, has not been near Kansas during the recess, and the indications are that nothing more will be done toward an investigation.

CONGRESSIONAL INFLUX.

The Senators and members are arriving in small numbers, in order to seek quarters for the winter, or put their houses in order. Senators Morrill, of Vt., Edmonds, Cole, Windom, Cameron, Spencer, Harlan, and Stockton are already here, and Sherman will arrive on Tuesday.

A quorum of the House Appropriation Committee are here, and will begin their sessions on the appropriation bills on Tuesday.

AN INTERESTING CASE,

showing the liability of hotel keepers, was decided yesterday by Chief Justice Carter, of the District Supreme Court. Several years ago a noted female lobbyist put up at one of the hotels. When kept by Marshall Brown. After staying long enough to incur a considerable bill, and her business being dull, she took her departure, the proprietor retaining her baggage in lieu of the amount of her bill. The trunk was retained for a long period, but was finally returned to the woman, the proprietor supposing he would never get his pay. The woman, ten years afterwards, brings suit to recover $217, the value of certain articles which she alleges were abstracted from her trunk. Judge Carter, in deciding the case, said the landlord's lien gave him the right to detain the baggage a reasonable time, and then sell at public sale, and the hotel bill paid out of proceeds. If he detained baggage beyond such reasonable time, he was responsible for the loss. The jury gave the plaintiff $50, although she confessed she had not yet paid the board bill. The defendant will now bring suit for his bill.

THE PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE.

Senator Cameron, and the last of the delegation who left home here to look after the Philadelphia Postmastership, left last evening, thoroughly satisfied that the President will appoint George Fairman, the Civil Service candidate, as the successor to General Bingham.

Senator Cameron and Hon. Chas. O'Neil visited the White House yesterday, and made another appeal to the President in favor of the appointment of Mr. Trueman, but without effect.

The manner in which the public press, without regard to politics, has sustained the course of the President, has had the effect to strengthen him in his determination to enforce the rules and regulations of the Civil Service.

ACQUISITIONS.

Those who set at the right hand of the President, state that territorial extension will be the key note of the second term of Grant's administration. It is said that the President points to our present territorial acquisition, especially in the Southern direction, as being so valuable, that that part will thenceforth be the key to the present time for a thousand times the amount of the original purchase money. So far as the Northern frontier is concerned, the President is content to await the development of the annexation sentiment among the Northern people. He thinks that Ben Butler, in his Canadian annexation resolutions was simply a few years ahead of the opinion of the Northern people.

San Domingo, as a separate scheme by itself, will not receive special mention in the forthcoming message of the President. He thinks this latter subject can be postponed for a year, or at least, until a new Congress has been elected. The authority for this latter statement is in the way of a representation made by those who are engaged in the development of the natural interests in the island alluded to.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The President is so well pleased with the reception of his enforcement of the Civil service rules, in the appointment of the Philadelphia Postmaster, that he has concluded to apply them in the New York Custom House. The resignation of Cornell will be followed with the appointment of James L. Russell, next in the line of promotion, as successor. It is expected that Cornell will be elected Speaker of the New York Assembly, in the Conkling Senatorial interests, and that this will be followed by the tender of an appointment to a first-class foreign mission.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

The active members of the American delegation to the Geneva Congress, such as Caleb Cushing, Charles Francis Adams, Wm. M. Evarts, and Bancroft Davis, are now here. They propose during the coming week to draw up a plan, for submission to the President, for the disbursement of the Geneva award. These members do not think that they will have their plan organized in time for the President's annual message.

PROPOSED WASHINGTON IMPROVEMENTS.

Among the first measures to be introdnced in Congress will be a bill appropriating several millions of dollars to aid in the improvements of Washington. The claims will be based upon the fact that the Government owns a large amount of property here, at least 40 per cent of all the property in the city, which does not pay any taxes, and which will share in the appreciation in the value of private property, on account of the improvements. The citizens, without distinction of party or politics, favor this movement, and it is believed the bill will pass Congress without much opposition.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE MESSAGE AND REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—The only report of any of the Heads of Departments incomplested is that of the Secretary of War. The others are in a state of forwardness. Nearly all the reports of the Chiefs of Bureaus have been sent to the Public Printer.

The President has recently been arranging the points for his message, but has not yet commenced writing it. Some contents of the document can be inferred only from his recent private utterances, and it is safe to say that it will be

MORE LIBERAL

in its tone, especially towards the South, than his former messages, the recent vote in that section being indicative of a better feeling than heretofore toward the General Government, while the press is more moderate in its utterances, not taking into account the popular majority of the entire country.

The recent pardon of Appleton Oakesmith is regarded by Southern gentlemen as showing a more friendly policy and foreshadowing Executive action relative to some of the Ku-Klux prisoners now serving out sentences in the Albany Penitentiary.

DECLINE TO EXHIBIT.

Many inventors of the United States have expressed their reluctance to contribute to the Vienna Exposition for the reason that, owing to the stringent character of the patent laws of Austria, American patentees would have no remedy against the appropriation of their improvements by persons of other nationalities without compensation. In order to overcome this difficulty our Government, yesterday, prepared the draft of a treaty, or convention, between the United States and Austria, in order to secure in that country the right of American inventors to the same extent that Austrian inventions are protected in our country. It is the design to lay this proposition before the Austrian Government at the earliest practicable period, and the telegraph may be used to facilitate the negotiations. Should this measure be consummated, our Government will propose to the various nations of Europe that some international arrangement be made to secure the rights of the respective countries under similar circumstances.

BRITISH-AMERICAN CLAIMS.

The Mixed Commission on the American and British claims have made $4,000 additional awards against the United States in favor of British subjects.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Abstract of reports made to the Comptroller of the Currency, showing the condition of the National Banks in the United States at the close of business on Thursday, the 3d day of October, 1872:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$372,620,104.35
Over-drafts	4,677,819.13
United States bonds to secure circulation	333,048,470.00
United States bonds to secure deposits	25,475,750.00
United States bonds and securities on hand	12,142,850.00
Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages	23,533,151.73
Due from redeeming and reserve agents	80,717,071.30
Due from other National Banks	24,496,893.87
Due from State banks and bankers	12,976,979.01
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures	23,376,600.17
Current expenses	6,310,438.7
Premiums	6,546,646.83
Checks and other cash items	14,916,784.34
Exchanges for Clearing House	110,086,312.57
Bills of other National Banks	15,734,998.00
Bills of State banks	83,198.00
Fractional currency	3,131,767.38
Specie	10,229,786.79
Legal tender notes	102,074,104.00
Clearing House certificates	8,833,000.00
United States certificates of deposit	5,710,000.00
Three per cent certificates	1,555,000.00
Total	$1,755,867,099.96
Number of banks, 1,919.	

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$479,629,174.00
Surplus fund	110,367,516.45
Undivided profits	46,023,784.26
National Bank notes outstanding	333,496,027.00
State bank notes outstanding	1,567,143.00
Dividends unpaid	3,149,749.61
Individual deposits	813,236,671.46
United States deposits	7,953,772.41
Deposits of United States disbursing officers	4,563,339.79
Due to National Banks	110,047,347.97
Due to State banks and bankers	33,760,063.69
Notes and bills rediscounted	5,549,421.83
Bills payable	6,540,562.60
Total	$1,755,867,099.96

FOREIGN.

ITALY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The London *Times* of the 5th instant, in an editorial on the flood in Italy, says two-thirds of the province of Mantua and one-third that of Ferrara have been flooded. More than 20,000 families are houseless. Vast tracts in therritories of Parma, Reggio, and Modena are turned into lakes, on the surface of which may be seen tops of trees, roofs of houses, and floating carcasses of drowned cattle. Not only solid barns and substantial farm houses, peculiar to those districts, but even churches have have in many cases been unable to withstand the violence of the floods. Many human beings have perished, both of those who allowed themselves to be caught within the lower building, and of those who fled for safety to loftier edifices.

But hardly less wretched is the condition of the survivors. The cattle they have rescued from the flood are perishing from want of fodder. They themselves are thrown for sustenance on the neighbors' charity. The harvest they have lately garnered, the fields they have just sown, are laid waste. What was, a month ago, the richest of plains is now a chaotic marsh, not unlikely to bear for many years the marks of a few hours' havoc. Nor are the ravages limited to the lower lands of the Po, but all around over the vast level, and up to the mountain sides, the devastation extends. The rivers are everywhere breaking their bounds, and the waters are out throughout the peninsula. The distress is immense, and threatens to exhaust the ordinary recourse to public and private charity. To repay the damages done to their dikes by the Po and the Oglio in the Province of Mantua alone, during the present inundation, it is estimated that a sum of $120,000 will be required.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—In all the cathedrals of France, to-day, special prayers were offered for the National Assembly, and the blessing of God was invoked on its proceedings. The Government officials attended the services, escorted by details of troops as guards of honor. The congregations at all the churches in this city were very large.

The several parties into which the Assembly is divided held meetings here last night to sum up the events of the past week and decide upon their future policy. The Monarchists confess that they have been defeated, and will secure an honorable retreat by giving their support to the Conservative Republicans.

All the Conservative elements have been united in favor of a motion, which will be introdnced this week by Deputy Changarnier, condemning Gambetta's speech at Tours.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—The Government has issued a ministerial decree, signed by Ilzenplintz, Minister of Commerce, commanding German railway companies to discontinue the practice of transporting emigrants unless full rates are paid for persons and baggage. Hitherto the railway companies have carried emigrants from the interior to the seaboard at very low rates, and baggage free, thus encouraging emigration. The decree is arbitrary, and obstructs emigration by increasing the difficulties in reaching the seaboard.

POLITICAL.

ALABAMA LEGISLATORS ARRESTED.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 17.—Messrs. Morgan, Kimbro, and McNeill, Conservatives, who have certificates of election as members of the Legislature, were arrested by a United States Deputy Marshal to-day, between Selma and Uniontown. It is reported that the Marshal is to take them to Mobile. The Marshal said that he had instructions not to take bail. The offence charged is some violation of the Election law. This will make the political complexion of the Legislature doubtful on its organization, as the carrying of the prisoners to Mobile will involve several days' delay. The Liberals and Conservatives would have a majority in the House if the arrested parties were allowed to take their seats. The Legislature meets to-morrow.

THE NEW ORLEANS VOTE.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 17.—The total vote of the Parish of Orleans is: Grant, 13,226; Greeley, 52,687. Greeley's majority in the State, as far as heard from, is 6,707, including returns (mostly official) from all but two parishes.

Beauregard is elected Administrator of Improvements.

The Epizootic Among the Chickens.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The report that the epizootic has broken out among the fowls in Southern New York and New Jersey and Northern Pennsylvania is found to be true. The disease runs its course very swiftly. The fowls are taken with staggering fits, a running at the beak, and bearing all the symptoms of the epizootic. These fits recur with decreasing intervals and increasing violence, until death, which generally ensues in a few hours. As soon as the chickens are attacked they hide in holes or crawl off to some corner and die. With regard to treatment, none has been adopted. As soon as the disease is noticeable the fowls are killed, and it is charged, marketed in this and other cities.

A reporter who visited the New York markets yesterday, says many dressed fowls had discolored and congested heads and necks, with harsh and unnatural appearance of skin.

The Bangor Insurance Companies.

BANGOR, Me., Nov. 17.—The following are the assets and losses of the various Bangor insurance companies:

Bangor, assets, $253,000; losses, $50,000.
Eastern, assets, $546,000; losses, $150,000.
Union, assets, $550,000; losses, $150,000.
National Capital, assets $200,000; losses, $166,000.

Except the National, all these Companies' losses have been made good by the stockholders. The National is in the hands of a receiver.

NEW YORK.

The Era of Great Fires---The Excellent Example of Chicago.

Outline of the Next Grand Flame-Feast in the Metropolis.

No More Veterans on the City Press---The Writers Nearly All New.

Henry Ward Beecher's Notion of an Armor of Bank-Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14, 1872.

Chicago has set the example of Great Fires, as if to show its miraculous power of recuperation. Thinking, perhaps, that even the nineteenth century might profit by a splendid lesson of indomitable courage, energy, and enterprise, she gave it in the royalist fashion, and moved the globe to admiring wonderment.

STAID BOSTON

has taken you as a pattern, and burned up her business-quarter in order not to be outdone by her youthful Western sister. Time was when Boston would not have recovered in a generation from the calamity she has just endured. But the splendid example of Chicago is before her, as it is before all the world, and she accepts the calamity with patience and with hope. What Chicago did, she is doing; what Chicago marked out, she will follow. Within a twelvemonth, she will place herself by the side of the Garden City, as a model of the accomplishing capacity of pride, perseverance, and pluck.

THE BAPTISM OF FIRE

seems to be needful to the new birth of our American centres. Chicago and Boston have suffered what no doubt New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and other leading cities have yet to suffer. I trust I am in error; but I cannot help believing that Gotham is doomed to semi-destruction; that, ere long, our heaviest business portion will be laid in ashes.

Our fathers and mothers used to talk of the Great Fire of Dec. 16, 1835, until it seemed something appalling. But, when we learned that only the First Ward, east of Broadway and below Wall street, including less than 700 buildings, was destroyed; causing a loss of not much more than $18,000,000, we refused to be startled by such an insignificant array of facts. We found out that the city then contained hardly 250,000 inhabitants, and that $1,000,000 then represented as much as $10,000,000 does to-day. Thus we see that the disaster of thirty-seven years ago was as severe to the Metropolis as was your grand illumination thirteen months since.

IN THE NEXT FIRE

comes, it will be liable to sweep away $400,000,000 or $500,000,000 worth of property; and then we shall rebuild as Chicago has done, and as Boston will do; so that the probability of still another repetition of the fiery catastrophe will be materially diminished. The district bounded by Canal street, the rivers, and the two streets, represents such manifold attractions to the Demon of Flame that I am surprised he has not, long since, cast into it his infernal torches. He is biding his time, unquestionably. Some intensely cold night, when the greater part of the city is fast asleep, he will awake us with a crimson flash, the sound of flame, the sound of tumbling walls, and the terrific din of a mighty city fated to fiery sacrifice. The conflagration of 1835 will, I fear, be repeated before the end of the century, and our solidest structures be swept away like a smoke-wreath in a blast of wind.

One thing we have learned already: that fire-proof buildings are first-class frauds; that they resist fire admirably when the fire is far away, but that they burn like pine when girt with flame. The nearest approach, probably, to a fire-proof building here is Harper & Brothers' establishment; in Franklin Square. It is all stone and iron; could not be made more incombustible, and yet if a fire swept through the swamp, I am sure the great publishing house would be Chicagoed like any other structure.

NARROW POLICY.

All the Liberal newspapers have discovered that the election is over, which is much more than can be said of some of the Radical Republican organs. Victory can afford to be not only generous, but cheerful and complacent, hard as it is for defeat to be amiable and gracious.

Among the city journals, the opposite of this has been shown. The *Tribune*, of all papers having the most reason to feel sore and ugly, has been, and is, perfectly good-natured, even jolly, over the discomfiture of its party, and the political subversion of its chief. On the other hand, the *Times*, which ought to have been jocund with smiles, and which certainly might have been magnanimous in its hour of triumph, has evinced the narrowest and meanest spirit. It has gone on belaboring Horace Greeley (the result of habit, no doubt,) as if it feared that, with a mere handful of electoral votes, he might be chosen President after all.

I presume that the *Times*, twelve months hence, will still be setting up bags of straw, and knocking them over with bludgeons of bombast, under the impression that each one of them represents the editor of the *Tribune*. It is rumored that both the publisher and editor of *Grant's Own* start wildly, snuff the air, and paw the earth, whenever the name of Greeley meets their eye or ear. It is even whispered that those gentlemen are monomaniacs on the subject, and that a vision of a copy of the journal they so dread and detest sets them foaming at the mouth.

Jesting aside, the course of the *Times* is as impolitic as it is foolish and contemptible. I know a number of ardent Republicans who did their utmost to re-elect Grant, that are so disgusted with the *Times*, since his re-election, that they refuse to take the paper any longer. They say, very justly, that a journalist who, after winning his fight, continues to insult his foe, is too narrow to be esteemed, and too base to be trusted.

THE RESULT OF SLANDER.

One of the practical ways in which Henry Ward Beecher's congregation wished to show their sovereign contempt for the Woodhull-and-Claflin slanders was to insist on raising his salary $5,000 a year. He peremptorily refused, it is said, to have this done, and laughingly remarked that his friends seemed anxious to make him invulnerable to vulgar abuse from irresponsible sources, by covering him with an armor of bank notes.

Mr. Beecher was never so popular as he is to-day; and Theodore Tilton's *Golden Age* has received, I understand, nearly a thousand new subscribers since the publication of the assault upon himself and his family.

Meanwhile, the blackmailing females languish in prison, and write cards to the newspapers, which are seldom printed, appealing to the public for commiseration in their spiritual and pecuniary distress. Everybody says that they will be sent to prison; but, as they are so completely crestfallen and crushed, and as their last sting has been drawn, perhaps it might be just as well to restore the liberty they no longer have the power to abuse. They declare they are penniless now, though they had $150,000, they allege, when they came to the city.

A SHIFTING TRADE.

Thinking over the matter, the other day, I was impressed by the transient quality which has marked journalistic positions in this city of late years. Before the War, one frequently met men who had been connected with this or that daily half their lifetime; but now such veterans are rarely encountered.

The *Herald* staff is nearly all new, with the exception of Drs. Wallace and Hosmer, who have been there for nearly a quarter of a century. The same is true of the *Times*, for nearly all its writers either retired, or were permitted to resign, after Henry J. Raymond's death. The *Tribune* editors, excepting Horace Greeley, George Ripley, and Charles T. Congdon, are man almost of yesterday. Whitelaw Reid is a *novus homo*; so are John R. G. Hassard, John Hay, Noah Brooks, William F. G. Shanks, William Winter, and most of the corps.

The *World's* scribes appear to have in them an adhesive element. Beginning with Manton Marble, David G. Croly, Ivory Chamberlain, William Henry Hurlburt, Eugene Schuyler, and many of the subordinates, have been on the daily almost from its inception. The *Journal of Commerce*, fossilized as it is, has had numerous changes; and the popular notion that it is still edited by old Adam is pronounced on authority to be without foundation.

William Cullen Bryant and Parke Godwin are the only ancients connected with the *Evening Post*, and Mr. Bryant has for some years restricted his editorial duties to writing an occasional paragraph. Sydney Howard Gay, John R. Thompson, and Mr. Sedgwick, who now fill the principal departments, are new-comers to that journal. The *attaches* of the *Commercial Advertiser*, barring Chester Dewey, are of late importation; Hugh J. Hastings, the publisher and principal proprietor, having himself not long since been a citizen of Albany. James and Erastus Brooks have followed the fortunes of the *Evening Express*,—begun as a morning issue,—from the very first, and will doubtless remain at their post until the undertaker has need of them. The other dailies are so modern that the men who conduct them must be modern, too, so far as their present journalistic relations are concerned.

A writer for the press who remains on the same paper for three or four years is now regarded here as a hoary veteran; and some scribblers call themselves old journalists after they have worked in one office six months. It is natural to inquire what becomes of all the journalists. They are certainly disappearing from the ranks. Perhaps they die, or perhaps they turn their attention to some pursuit requiring less labor, and insuring more money.

SALMAGUNDI.

An absurd story, taken from some inventive correspondent, is now circulating, to the effect that, in the Eighth Ward of this city, there are 3,000 white women married to negroes. The story would be true if the number of women were reduced 2,998.

It is whispered that the Metropolitan Hotel is soon to change hands, as the odium of the name of Tweed has frustrated all hope of its becoming profitable.

Mrs. John Wood, the once vivacious and popular actress, will return to England after the withdrawal of "Le Roi Carotte" from the boards of the Grand Opera House.

Charles Astor Bristed ("Carl Benson") is the richest literary man in America; having an income of $60,000 a year.

A prosperous merchant in West Broadway has, in a commercial career of twenty-seven years, failed eleven times. He does not believe in Richelieu's dictum.

COLSTOUN.

Overhauling the Fire Brigade—Raid on the "Waiter Girl" Saloons—Contemplated Changes in the City Government—Suits Dismissed—Important Decision.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Louis L. Todd, a respectable insurance man of this city, has brought suit for $20,000 damages against J. O. Quigley, broker at No. 20 New street, for inducing his wife to leave him and assume improper relations with himself. The parties were married in 1865, and lived in harmony until he went to board at a hotel, where Mrs. Todd became acquainted with the defendant. In 1870 she abandoned her husband without explanation, and it was several months before he could ascertain her residence. Finally he saw her walking in the street with Quigley, and discovered that they were boarding together at a hotel in Jersey City. Quigley was arrested, and after spending two nights in jail, was released on $6,000 bail.

Henry Ward Beecher delivered a striking sermon to-night on the subject of labor. He said from the applications he received daily from young men out of work, it must be the general impression that he owns Central Park, Prospect Park, the Custom House, the Navy Yard, and Post Office. He des

FOREIGN.

DISASTROUS STORMS.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Norwegian ship Sesoeris was wrecked in the North Sea during the terrible gale on Wednesday last, and fourteen of her crew perished.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 16.—The storm which raged in the North of Europe on Wednesday and Thursday was very disastrous throughout Denmark and on the coast. The wind blew a hurricane, and rain and snow fell incessantly.

Streams overflowed their banks and inundated the country for miles. Great damage was done to seaport towns, and numerous marine disasters occurred.

Reports of the loss of twenty-four ships have been already received. Half of the town of Praestoe, in the Island of Seeland, on the Baltic, was laid waste by the force of the wind.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A despatch from Stralsund, of to-day's date, reports eighty vessels totally wrecked in the late gale. The town was considerably damaged by inundation.

The fishermen on the islands of Grieftwald, Zudar, and Hiddenso lost all their fishing smacks and apparatus. Their houses and contents were greatly damaged by high water.

Nearly all the cattle on the islands are drowned.

Wells were flooded from the sea, and the inhabitants are suffering for want of fresh water, food, and shelter. The Government has dispatched steamers laden with supplies to their relief.

The island of Rungen also felt the disaster heavily. Many of its fishing boats have been destroyed, and fields near the coast line were flooded.

The loss of life, both on the islands and main land, is very great.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Dates from Hong Kong, per Japan, are to Oct. 12.

The Grand Duke Alexis held a levee at Hong Kong Sept. 16, and started for Canton on the 20th.

A serious mutiny took place Sept. 25, on board the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Golconda, near Singapore, caused by jealousy between the Malay and Chinese members of the crew. None were killed.

The well-known silk man, Teng-Yu, is dead. His relatives claim indirect damages from foreign physicians for his death.

The highest Pathfinder exploded, and one fireman was killed.

On Sept. 21 there was a severe shock of earthquake at Shanghai.

The plains near Tien-Tsin were again flooded. The waters were reported, on Sept. 10, as rising rapidly.

A church was built at Tueng-Chow for the Rev. T. P. Crawford, of the Southern Baptist Church.

The Viceroy of Nankin has determined to punish all parties engaged in kidnapping slaves on board Peruvian vessels.

Locusts have destroyed the crop in the Philippines.

Yokohama dates are to Oct. 28.

The completion of the first railroad in the country, from Yedo to Yokohama, was celebrated, the Emperor participating, in grand style on the 14th of October. The Emperor passed over the road.

The Department of Religion at Yedo has issued a document looking towards the toleration of all creeds.

A dreadful famine is reported among the people of Corea.

Great quantities of copper have been sent from Yedo to Corea, in the nature of a peace offering.

The authorities have stopped issuing passes to foreigners to go beyond the limits fixed by treaty, the privilege having been abused by carrying on illicit trade.

Mr. Lowder, former British Consul at Yokohama, has been appointed Superintendent of Japanese Customs.

The rinderpest is making terrible havoc among cattle in the rural districts.

The new telegraph line will be opened in state by the Emperor as soon as completed.

The exports from Japan to the United States during the last three months amounted to $2,584,000.

Three hundred thousand dollars in treasure from the steamer America has been recovered. Seventy-seven thousand dollars remain.

Four native priests have left Yedo for Europe to study the various religious forms of that country.

The wreck of the steamer Oneida was sold to the Japanese for $1,500.

Magistrates have been appointed for all the police districts of Yedo, with jurisdiction similar to that of our own.

A serious rising is reported in the Province of Mato. The police from Yedo will quell it, if possible, without troops.

The Ameenan Legation is in a well-furnished temple within the boundaries of Shebs.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Nov. 16.—The Lower House of the Cortes has passed the first clause of the Mortgage Bank bill, by a vote of 126 against 58.

There is trouble at Vittoria, the capital of the Province of Alava, between the Government authorities and the artillery troops stationed there, caused by the opposition of the latter to the appointment of General Hidalgo, as Captain General of the Province. The latest reports from the town state that the troops maintained their defiant attitude, and more serious trouble is feared.

In consequence of the recent demonstration of roving Carlist bands in the Northern Provinces, the garrison at Santander has been increased, and a force of carbineers has been concentrated at Logrono.

MADRID, Nov. 16.—The bulletin issued this afternoon announces that the health of King Amadeus is improving.

A despatch from Vittoria to-night reports that Captain General Hidalgo has resigned, and the conflict between the Spaniards and artillery troops has ended.

The American man-of-war Plymouth has left Barcelona.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The ex-Empress Eugenie held a *fete* at Chiselhurst yesterday. Many visitors were present from Paris, and a number of regiments stationed in Versailles sent bouquets.

A banquet in celebration of the opening of the Australian Telegraph line was given at the Cannon Street Hotel last night. Three hundred persons were present, and Earl Kimberly presided.

ITALY.

ROME, Nov. 16.—Signor Fella, Minister of Finance, having addressed an official communication to the Pope guaranteeing the payment to His Holiness of the annuity voted to him by the Italian Parliament, Cardinal Antonelli has sent a reply to the Minister informing him that the Pope declines to receive the annuity.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Twenty-three cases of Marseilles rifles, which were to have been sent to the Carlists now in the Spanish Province of Gerona, have been seized at Perpignan by the authorities of that town.

The United States war steamer "Shenandoah" has arrived at Marseilles. She will shortly sail for Tunis.

CANADA.

PETERSBORO, Ont., Nov. 16.—A horrible murder has been committed in the township of Dummer, near the head of Stony Lake. One Bonton, a laborer employed by a farmer named Payne, murdered the wife and child of the latter. The woman's head was terribly crushed, and the child was found with its throat cut from ear to ear. The murderer was arrested and narrowly escaped lynching.

QUEBEC, Nov. 16.—The brig Triton, which went ashore below this place, has been got off and towed up to be surveyed.

A telegram from Gaspe states that Captain Vivian, of the barkentine John and Henry, before reported lost at Cape Cove, was rescued. The crew were lost.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Prince Bismarck is recovering.

Railroad Items.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Nov. 16.—A barge of iron for the Chicago, Dubuque & Minnesota Road will arrive to-day by steamer from New Orleans, direct from England, in bond.

The earnings of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad for the third week in October last, were $28,930; same week last year, $15,905, an increase of $13,023, or 82¼ per cent.

The Davenport & St. Paul Railroad Company have a track nearly laid to Greeley, and it will be finished to Yankee Settlement to-day. From there the track-laying will be continued, and will not stop for winter until Strawberry Point and Fayette are reached.

OTTAWA, Ill., Nov. 16.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company have just finished tearing up the temporary track which was laid from their depot to the State Fair Grounds, and it is said they bring our city in debt $65, according to a contract made with them to pay all expenses. Every one supposed they were making "a good thing" out of it, as they could not begin to carry all the passengers applying.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Bond, Stock, Gold, and Produce Markets, and Business Generally.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The general markets today closed quiet, and somewhat depressed. The Boston fire proves less destructive than at first reported. One of the first results of the Boston disaster will be the immigration of mechanics from New York to rebuild the burnt district. Orders for new iron fronts have already been received here from Boston.

The estimates of wool destroyed still range all the way from five million to eighteen million pounds. Speculators here have bought up about two million pounds this week, but the manufacturers have been inactive. Fleeces have advanced 10@12 per cent nominally, but fabrics are up only from 3@5. Prints have not been affected. Chemicals show a tendency to lower rates, though dye stuffs are very firm. British goods are generally a trifle firmer. Carpets are dull, the season being over. The boot and shoe trade has not been materially affected by the Boston fire, and, as yet, there has been no general marking up of prices.

The business during the week with distant sections has been chiefly on orders. The city trade have purchased moderately. In the auction rooms buyers have shown a little more disposition to purchase, under a growing impression that prices will advance. The metal and hardware trade has been generally quiet. The crockery trade had a quiet week. The grocery trade was also quiet. This interest did not suffer in Boston, and the fire had no effect on groceries in this city. Among the tea dealers, the failure of Messrs. Hill & Co. has added to the insecure feeling in prices, as they are currently reported to be holders to the amount of 800,000 lbs. The marked decline of 10c per pound on black tea since the 15th of October seems to be likely to be further increased by the assignee's sale of Hill & Co.'s hoardings. Boston is heavily loaded with black teas of all kinds, and the market there is flat.

During the past week the money market at London has become firmer, and the week closes with 7 per cent as the rate in open market there, as against 8 per cent last Saturday. The foreign exchanges have been firm for short sights during the week, which resulted in the outflow of $2,600,000 good coin, but at the close the market was lower, both for long sterling and sight bills. Gold has fluctuated freely during the week between 114¼ and 113⅝. Cash gold was dearer toward the close.

On the Stock Exchange speculation opened at a decline of 1 to 9¾ per cent on the Boston fire, but soon after rallied from 1 to 8¾ per cent, and later again reacted from ¼ to 4 per cent, finally closing with firmer feeling and an upward tendency.

The bank statement was not so bad as generally expected, although made on declining averages, and this had the effect to strengthen the market at the close. Business on the Stock Exchange was active only early in the week, the closing days being noted chiefly for dullness. The bank statement presents an extraordinary feature in the gold item. The legal tenders are down $1,529,400, and the average is a falling one, so that the banks hold less than they appear to. The specie, notwithstanding the shipment of over $2,500,000 gold coin during the week, is apparently $166,000 higher than last week, and this apparent gain cannot be accounted for, even admitting that the average is a falling one, which is the fact.

The foreign commerce of the port for the week was as follows: General merchandise, imports, including gold; $5,717,907; produce, Exports, $5,365,829, and specie exports, $2,975,449.

MONEY

was less active to-day. In the morning call loans ranged from 7 per cent to 1-32, but in the afternoon declined to 3@4 per cent at the close. Discounts are close, and 12 per cent is the minimum rate for mercantile paper.

GOLD

was quiet and firm. Foreign exchange heavy.

STOCKS.

The stock market was dull to-day, but advanced ¾ to 2¾ per cent.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

closed firm at the highest prices of the week.

The new issue of six millions of 7 per cent bonds by the Lake Shore Railroad are to be debentures, and will be redeemed at the rate of $600,000 a year until retired. The Company issued and sold a similar bond in 1869, to make good a deficit in the Treasury occasioned by the bankruptcy of the company's bankers, the price obtained being 85. The proceeds of the present issue will be devoted to enlarging the road equipment, hastening the laying of the double track of steel rails, and procuring additional real estate at Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo and Chicago for elevators and depot room.

PRODUCE.

Flour opened firm, but quiet, owing to large arrivals. Good shipping is in fair demand; other grades dull; medium extras quite plenty; No. 2 plenty and heavy. At the close the market was irregular; good shipping brands firm and fairly active; low and medium spring and winter wheat extras easier. Holders of wheat at the opening were firmer but buyers held off, as freight-room is scarce. The market closes quiet but firmer, the demand being chiefly for spring. Winter in moderate request and firm. Choice white winter is held with much confidence. Pork was quiet in a wholesale way, and only a moderate jobbing inquiry. Cut meats generally dull on the spot. Sales of about 1,000 smoked hams at 14¾c @15c. Bacon was in moderate demand, and long clear quoted at 8¼c for November. Sales 500 boxes short clear for January, at 7¾c; 50 boxes short rib on spot, at 8¼c. Lard very quiet.

ST. PAUL.

The Storm at Duluth—Railroads Blocked With Snow—River Navigation—Fire.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 15.—The severe weather for the past few days still continues, but the wind has somewhat subsided. Duluth is about the worst sufferer, for, although the actual damage may be confined to the loss of the schooners Francis Palmer and Sweetheart, and the washing away of the breakwater, it demonstrates that only the most immense expenditure can make a safe harbor there. This is more serious than the immediate loss.

The Winona & St. Peter and the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroads are both blockaded with snow for about 150 miles. The St. Paul & Pacific main line to Breckenridge is also troubled with snow. The engine and baggage-car of the Breckenridge line, which left here this morning, were thrown from the track at Minneapolis, and Charles Yeager, engineer, and James Curran, fireman, were seriously injured.

Coal-dealers have advanced the price of anthracite to $16, owing to the wrecks at Duluth.

If this weather continues, river-navigation will close in a few days. Such a storm so early in the season is very unusual.

A shanty fire, with the wind blowing a gale, alarmed our citizens a good deal this afternoon; but, fortunately, it was confined to the shanty it originated in.

INSURANCE.

Meeting of the New York Underwriters Yesterday—What They Think of Litigation in Times of Great Fires.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The Fire Underwriters to-day adopted resolutions expressing their convictions that the laws of this State, requiring an official examination by the Superintendent of the Insurance Department, into the actual condition of the companies, afford ample protection to the rights of policy-holders. The resolutions also declare that when a company becomes embarrassed in consequence of extensive conflagrations, as at Chicago and Boston, judicial interference on the complaint of a claimant for loss, or of individual stockholders, enjoining an insurance company from continuing business, and appointing a receiver, becomes an act of injustice, and is inimical to the best interests of the claimants and stockholders; and, finally, that judicial action upon an ex parte statement, when a company, while honorably pursuing its business, either becomes, or is supposed to be, embarrassed by the occurrence of exceptionally large fires, would inflict a wrong upon honest claimants and the stockholders, and would be liable to involve substantial companies in serious loss, and even tend to produce bankruptcy unnecessarily.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PENSION REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, for the present year, will be unusually interesting, on account of the thorough manner in which the statistics of our pension system will be presented. The main portions of the report have been finished, and the whole will be embraced in the report of the Secretary of the Interior to Congress. During the fiscal year ended June 30, the increase of the pension rolls has been greater than for any year since that ending June 30, 1867. By the allowance of new claims there have been added to the rolls, 6,317 army invalid pensioners; 7,120 army widows and dependent relative pensioners, 151 navy invalid pensioners, 124 navy widows and dependent relative pensioners, 17,021 survivors of the war of 1812, and 8,105 widows of soldiers of that war, making a gross addition to the rolls of 33,838 new pensioners in the last fiscal year. The losses to the rolls by death, resulstment, recovery from disability of invalid pensioners, of failure to claim payment of pension for three years, are 2,281; by death or marriage of widows and dependent relatives, expiration of minors' pensions or failure to claim payment of pension for three years, 6,097; by death of the survivors of the war of 1812, 604; by death of the widows of soldiers of said war, 122; a total loss of 9,104. The gross additions to the rolls 33,838, less the total loss 9,104, gives a net gain of 24,734 pensioners for the year, which, added to the rolls of 1871, make the total number of pensioners of all classes, June 30, 1872, 232,229. In addition, there have been increased the pensions of 5,116 army invalids, 68 navy invalids, 290 army widows and minors, and 6 navy widows, a total of 5,480, involving a total increase to annual amount of the pension roll of $211,587.85 per annum. This increases the total annual amount of pensions in the sum of $2,675,583.71, making the total amount of all pensions upon the rolls June 30, 1872, $25,480,578. The amounts appropriated for the payment of pensions during the last fiscal year were for army pensions, $23,530,000; for survivors of the war of 1812, $4,500,000; for navy pensions, $500,000. The unexpended balances in the hands of pension agents were: Army, $984,582.36; navy, $25,669.37, which amounts have been recovered into the Treasury. The appropriations for the present fiscal year are: Army, $30,000,000; navy, $480,000, under the acts of June 17 and 20, 1870. At the close of the last fiscal year there had been issued 7,779 commutation orders in lieu of artificial limbs furnished in kind. There were issued also 450 commutation orders, amounting to $27,150, and 326 bills have been approved for limbs furnished in kind, amounting to $23,025. The total number of claims allowed thus far is 9,802.

The last remaining four of the widows of revolutionary soldiers are slowly, but surely, decreasing. The number of widows of the war of 1812 on June 30, 1868, was 883; June 30, 1869, 887; June 30, 1870, 721; June 30, 1871, 634; June 30, 1872, 578.

Efforts have been made to collect information relative to the supposed survivors, that a register of their names, residences, condition, ages, and dates of death might be prepared, and continued until the last shall have passed away. Circulars have been sent to the Postmasters at their places of residence, and to other parties from whom information could be obtained. Of these circulars, 554 have been returned, 23 without satisfactory reports, and 531 with the full information sought. Of these, 381 were reported as living and 150 as having died since Jan. 1, 1870.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

Attorney General Williams is sending circulars to the Governors of States, requesting them to furnish, or cause to be furnished, to that Department, the statistics of crime, under the laws of their States, for the present year, for his forthcoming report to Congress. He also addresses the United States District Attooneys with a like purpose, of requesting them to furnish reports of the business in the several Courts in the United States, setting forth the condition of all cases entered and pending under the heads of customs, internal revenue, Post Office, *quo warranto*, and miscellaneous, the number of such disposed of, and how disposed of.

INTERNAL REVENUE MATTERS.

Supervisor Dutcher is in the city, on business connected with the reduction of the collection districts in New York. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, however, states that nothing in that direction will be done until after the reassembling of Congress. The existing law requires the reduction of the number of Internal Revenue Collectors and Assessors to 160, on or before the 1st of January next. But prominent revenue officials are of the opinion that Congress may, at its approaching session, see fit to abolish the office of Assessor, and all internal taxes, except those on spirits, tobacco, and malt liquors.

PERSONAL.

Senator Cameron and Congressman O'Neil, it seems, did not return to Philadelphia with the delegation of thirty who came here to fix up the Philadelphia Post Office, and that, not satisfied with their rebuff by the President, yesterday, they made another attempt to dissuade him from following the Civil Service ideas by appointing a subordinate of the office selected of one of the "Cameron ring." It appears they did not succeed any better to-day, for they found the President in still worse humor than he was yesterday. It is thought that the office will be filled at once.

Postmaster General Creswell has returned from his home in Maryland, where, for the past week or so, he has been engaged in preparing his annual report. A few additional statistical information will be added, and the report will be ready for the printer. It will contain more tables of figures, and show more labor in its preparation than any previous report.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE NEW YORK PRESS ON THE PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The journals of all parties here heartily approve the President's action regarding the Philadelphia Postmastership. It is said that when the office of Surveyor of the Port, about to be vacated by Mr. Cornell, is filled by a new appointment, the President will be guided by the Civil Service regulations. The dismay of managing politicians in New York over this unexpected blow from the White House is widespread and ludicrous. Tom Murphy's friends claim, however, that he will not make Cameron's mistake of attempting to carry his points by storm, and that his personal relations with the President are assured.

By the Associated Press.

WHITE HOUSE VISITORS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Senators Cameron, Osborne, and Spencer, and ex-Senator Wade, were among the callers on the President to-day. Many others also called to pay their respects. The ante-chamber of the executive office presented this morning a scene of animation that has not characterized it for many months.

Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, is still in Washington. He was at the Navy Department this morning, in conference with Secretary Robeson.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Second Comptroller Broadhead has completed his official report. It is merely a detail of office work, and contains no recommendations.

DR. HOWARD.

the American who was recently imprisoned in Cuba, has addressed a letter to the President, thanking him for his interference in his behalf and securing his freedom.

DELAYED MAILS.

The New Orleans mail of Sunday, due on Wednesday morning, is just received. Some newspaper packages have been damaged by fire.

HOW THE MISSOURI WAS BURNED.

The investigation as to the cause of the burning of the steamship Missouri was continued today. From the evidence produced, it is clear that the origin of the fire was due to the spilling of aguadiente on the deck of the vessel, the said deck being at the time so badly constructed, or rather had not been caulked recently, that the aguadiente ran through the crevices on to a hot boiler beneath, igniting in an instant the whole of the vessel where any of this inflammable article had touched.

DISGUSTED POLITICIANS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A Washington special says the city is filling up with politicians, who comment severely upon the course of the President in relation to the Civil Service rules, as manifested plainly in his remarks to the Pennsylvania delegation about the appointment of the Postmaster for Philadelphia. They allege that a strict enforcement of the rule will exclude many men from holding office who have just claims upon the Republicans, and who can creditably fill the offices for which they apply, but nevertheless cannot pass the Civil Service examination.

CABINET CHANGES.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 16.—The *Democrat* this morning states, editorially and advisedly, that there will be but two changes in President Grant's Cabinet after the 4th of March next. These will be the retirement of Secretaries Fish and Boutwell. The former, it is expected, will be offered the Mission to England, and the latter a seat in the United States Senate.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The following are the Treasury balances at the close of business to-day: Currency, $8,321,196; coin, $72,997,543; (including in the coin certificates of $21,554,000) specific deposits of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposits, $35,730,000.

APPOINTED.

Robert H. Kelly has been appointed Pension Agent at Louisville, Ky., vice William E. Gallagher, suspended.

CONGRATULATORY.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Washington called upon the President to-day, and congratulated him upon his re-election. The President, in his reply to the informal address, said: "The vote he received was more gratifying to him than the possession of the office itself, as it served to show that the American people did not believe the campaign slanders on his character."

BOSTON.

The Press Opposed to Receiving any Relief from Outside—The Fire to Be Investigated—The Chief Engineer Severely Commented On—Insurances and Salvage.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—Public sentiment in Boston is averse to accepting offers of money from other cities at this time. The *Globe*, yesterday morning, expressed itself as opposed to the action of the Relief Committee in voting to accept aid. The *Advertiser* is mildly opposed to the resolution of acceptance, and the *Transcript* publishes its non-concurrence.

This morning the *Globe*, in an elaborate leader, comes out flat-footed upon the men who, it says, would make Boston a beggar from the whole Union, and publishes several letters from citizens in support of its comments. The *Globe* says that the Committee, in assuming to speak for the citizens of Boston, have published to the world their resolve that offers of pecuniary aid from all parts of the Union will be gratefully accepted, which is nothing more than a direct advertisement that the great, proud and wealthy capital of New England is in poverty and distress, and a subject of general charity. Boston, at this day, and notwithstanding the fire, is receiving an income of over $700,000,000, and to say that a community thus circumstanced cannot succor its own poor and needy, without receiving charity from abroad, is absolutely absurd. "Where is the honest pride, the fair fame, the integrity of our good old city, when she is made to stand like a beggar, with pockets filled with money and securities, cap in hand, and soliciting charity from any passer-by?" It says: "Mayor Gaston has proved himself unequal to the situation, and these self-constituted solicitors for charity for Boston have grossly misrepresented the sentiment of the city.

There is a general feeling that Chief Damrell, of the Fire Department, permitted the fire to spread through carelessness, and an official investigation of the rise and spread of the conflagration is to be instituted, and the prospects are that the excitement about the fire has only begun.

The Relief Committee is to be called upon to rescind its action publicly.

Harvard College suffered by the fire to the extent of $862,00, including the value of the land, and it will cost $500,000 to rebuild. Toward this it has $100,000 good insurance, out of $216,000, for which it was insured. The permanent loss is thus reduced to $200,000. "This," says President Eliot, "we must beg."

The fire was rather severe on the publishers, but the *Transcript*, the *American Home Magazine*, the *Waverly*, and all the weeklies and monthlies have secured new quarters, and, though temporarily incommoded, new type and new presses and hard work will enable them to soon run smoothly.

Considerable salvages of wool and leather are being discovered among the ruins, the value amounting to several thousand dollars.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The latest and lowest estimate of insurance losses by the Boston fire gives the total amount as $48,572,300, distributed as follows: Massachusetts companies, $9,710,000; Connecticut, $2,932,600; New York, $6,850,000; Maine, $400,000; Rhode Island, $920,000; California, $15,000; Illinois, $30,000; Missouri, $25,000; Minnesota, $10,000; New Jersey, $17,500; Ohio, $205,000; Pennsylvania, $2,776,500; Wisconsin, $50,000; foreign companies, $4,510,000.

The wool dealers, it is said, are fully covered by insurance. A large number of bales are being recovered from the ruins, their outsides burned black, but the insides are good.

It is believed that the direct and indirect losses will not exceed $40,000,000 after the insurance liquidated.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—A perpetual injunction has been issued against the National Fire Insurance Company of this city, and S. F. Humphrey, Hiram Ruggles, and N. H. Dillingham have been appointed receivers.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 16.—At a meeting of citizens, to-day, resolutions of sympathy were adopted and a committee appointed to obtain contributions for the sufferers by the fire in Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—The remains of two bodies taken from the ruins of the fire on Wednesday are in charge of an undertaker, and there is no way of identifying them except by patches of clothing. The remains of the mother of Miss Martha Hutchinson has been found among the ruins of Messrs. Shreve, Crump & Howe's store. Miss Hutchinson saved herself by jumping from the window. The search continues for other bodies.

A contribution of $500 was received to-day from the Chicago police for the Boston police.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday School Convention — Young Men's Christian Association—Methodist Appropriation.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Nov. 16.—The session of the Sunday School Convention, at the First Presbyterian Church, on Friday, was of an interesting character. In the forenoon reports were read from various Sunday Schools in the county, showing a very favorable condition and progress of the work. The afternoon was devoted to a discussion of the best modes of conducting Sunday Schools, participated in by different members of the Convention. In the evening Mr. K. A. Burnell, of Illinois, and Dr. Marshall discussed the subject of qualifications for teachers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in an earnest and thorough manner.

To-day the Convention will probably finish its business.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 16.—The Sixth Annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations, assembled in this city yesterday. H. P. Lloyd, of Cincinnati, presides, in the absence of President H. Thane Miller, and nearly all parts of the State are well represented. The welcoming meeting was held last evening at the First Congregational Church, with addresses by Mayor Jones, ex-Governor Lee, and others.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to-day, appropriated $130,000 for domestic missions the ensuing year, among them, the following: Oregon, $6,000; Pittsburgh, $2,500; Rocky Mountain, $20,000; St. Louis, $7,000; Southeastern Indiana, $10,000; Southern Illinois, $1,400; Tennessee, $11,000; Upper Iowa, $2,500; West Virginia, $5,500; West Wisconsin, $4,000; Wisconsin, $3,500; Wyoming, $800; Arizona, $6,000; and New Mexico, $7,000.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Eleven Men Precipitated from a Scaffold—Two Killed.

DETROIT, Nov. 16.—While the roof was being raised on the new passenger depot at Jackson, this afternoon, the scaffolding gave way, precipitating the men and timber on to the joists below. Eleven men were seriously hurt. Up to 6 o'clock, two have died, the foreman, Davis, and a Mr. Williams.

Obituary.

OTTAWA, Ill., Nov. 16.—One of our prominent citizens, and an old resident, James Graham, Esq., died at 10 o'clock this morning. He was highly esteemed by the community as being an honorable, upright man in his dealings, and had been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for many terms and held several other offices of trust. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Without Judge, Jury, or Clergy.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 15.—On Sunday night, a mob of seventy-five men forced the jail at Beardsville, Ballard County, took out a negro named Ross Brandon, charged with rape on a respectable young lady, and hung him to a tree in the outskirts of the town. The man reported themselves as from Illinois.

Ocean Marine News.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 16.—The steamship Italy, from New York, has arrived.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Arrived, steamships Abyssinia and Adriatic from Liverpool, and Hammonia from Brémen.

The Centennial Board of Finance for Kentucky met in Louisville on Friday night, and appointed agents to receive subscriptions of stock. The officers of the recent exposition were re-elected.

POLITICAL.

THE NEW YORK CITY AND STATE POLITICS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The news from Albany indicates that Roscoe Conkling will be re-elected to the United States Senate without serious opposition. As far as canvassed, nearly all the Republican members are for him, while Morgan is not believed to have strength in any quarter. Thurlow Weed and Dix are supposed to lead one Republican wing, while Conkling and the Custom House command the other. The question of supremacy between these followings must be settled before the general line of operations can be determined.

The Democrats feel rather mournful over the heavy spoils captured by the Republicans in this State. Governor Dix will appoint a new Adjutant General and fourteen officers on his military staff. He will also select a Loan Commissioner and notaries for each county, and fill vacancies in the charitable institutions, also Superintendents of Insurance and Banking, Canal Appraisers, and Boards of Equalization, also Harbor Masters, Port Wardens, and one Supreme Judge.

Sweeping changes for political purposes in the Government of the this city are expected. The Custom House forces are arming to obtain full control in all municipal departments. It is reported, however, that both Governor Dix and Mayor Havemeyer will not be ruled by the Custom House Ring. The latter were so badly served by the Liberals that they made good nominations, and now find their successful candidates hard to manage.

THE SENATORIAL QUESTION AT SPRINGFIELD.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 16.—There is no longer any doubt felt by politicians here of all parties that E. B. Washburne is a candidate for the United States Senatorship. His return to this country just at this time, together with the return of J. Russell Jones, and his visit to Dixon and other places in the northern part of the State, have a very significant bearing. His movements have excited apprehensions in the minds of Oglesby and his friends, and considerable canvassing has been going on here last night and to-day between them, Oglesby having been summoned here for conference. It is certain that Oglesby doubts the sincerity of the Administrationists, and is, therefore, prepared to believe, that if Washburne is a candidate, he has become so with a perfect understanding that in the contest he is to have the influence of the President and his followers. One of Washburne's oldest friends assured your correspondent to-day that Washburne would make the fight, and, unless Oglesby managed his fight better than two years ago, he would have the satisfaction of serving out his time as Governor.

THE NEW ORLEANS IMBROGLIO.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 16.—William Pitt Kellogg to-day made application to the United States Circuit Court for an injunction restraining the State Election Returning Board, composed of Governor Warmouth, Jack Wharton, Frank H. Hatch, and Durant Daponte, from in any manner performing the duties of Returning Officers of Elections of the State of Louisiana; also that John McEnerney be enjoined, restrained, and inhibited from, in any manner, acting, or pretending to act, as Governor of the State of Louisiana, and from making any claim to the office of Governor of said State, etc. Also, that the New Orleans *Republican*, the official journal of the State of Louisiana, be enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, publishing any official notice, document or statement, relating to any canvass or statement of votes made or in any manner emanating from said pretended Board of Returning Officers of Election.

Judge Durrell ordered that the defendants be cited to show cause on the 19th why the injunctions, *pendente lite*, should not issue as prayed for, and in the meantime, and until further orders, this Court let the restraining orders prayed for issue against the defendants in form and to the effect prayed for.

THE NEW YORK "TRIBUNE" ON THE PRESIDENTIAL RESULT.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The *Tribune* judges by the official returns at hand, that Grant has received fewer votes than in 1868, inclusive of the negro vote not polled that year. In Illinois he has fewer votes than in 1868; in New Hampshire he had 38,1791 votes in 1868; in 1872, 37,936; in Vermont, 44,167 in 1868; in 1872, 41,478; in Connecticut, 50,996 in 1868; in 1872, 50,899. Pennsylvania gave in October 331,416 for the Republican ticket, and a month later 342,280. for Grant. The vote of Hartranft rose in 1872 to 303,337, while the vote for Grant fell off in November to 349,589, or barely 7,000 more than in 1868. The vote for Grant in North Carolina is smaller than the vote for Caldwell.

ALABAMA POLITICS.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 16.—Mr. Tyler, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama, telegraphs to Athens to George S. Houston, that the Democrats will have four or five majority in joint ballot in the Legislature.

Mr. Houston and Judge R. W. Walker, of Huntsville, are prominent Democratic aspirants to the United States Senate.

DELAWARE RETURNS.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 16.—The official vote of the State gives Grant 909 majority, and Hofland, Republican, for Congress, 852 majority.

TENNESSEE RETURNS.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 16.—Greeley's majority in Tennessee is 8,213, with ten counties to hear from officially.

ARIZONA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—McCormick has been re-elected to Congress from Arizona.

THE DELAHAY INVESTIGATION.

LEAVENWORTH, Ks., Nov. 16.—Judge Bingham, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, arrived here to-day. The Delahay investigation is progressing. Mr. Glick and others, of Atchison, were examined to-day with reference to the Osborn-Ingalls draft transaction.

VIRGINIA RETURNS.

RICHMOND, Nov. 16.—Official returns from all the counties but one give Grant 1,975 majority. The county to be heard from, it is reported, has given Greeley 100 majority.

The Horse Disease.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 16.—The horse malady is spreading rapidly. The leading livery establishments of the city are closed, and several of the Fire Department horses are sick.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The dropsy malady among horses continues, and is of a very fatal type. The stablemen, however, think that the worst has passed in this city and neighborhood. Commodore Vanderbilt's famous racer, Mountain Boy, died yesterday.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The dropsy that has affected the horse, almost immediately upon the disappearance of the epidemic recently here, is believed to be passing away. The disease is assuming a milder type, and there are now few fatal cases.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The horse dropsy now prevailing causes a mortality of 20 per cent among animals attacked by it. The cause is believed to be impoverished blood and great debility resulting from the epizootic. The anxiety among owners of horses is scarcely less than when the plague was at its height. All the street car lines are working a reduced force, and some hitherto running all night are quitting at 11 p. m. There is some dropsy in the Fire Department stables, but it exists chiefly in the car and livery, stables. No case of dropsy has occurred among the horses that were rested during their sickness and convalescence, but it has been found that one day's working of an animal not perfectly recovered will often cause a fatal swelling of the whole body in a single night. The Sanitary Committee publish their opinion that horses convalescing from this epidemic should have a highly nutricious and easily digested diet. To counteract the tendency to scurvy, iron compounds are useful, and such foods should be especially selected as are rich in normal saline constituents of blood. Such are the various bulbous roots, viz.: turnips, carrots, rutabaga, potatoes, &c. These to be readily masticated should be boiled, and mixed with bran or other mash.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 16.—The epizootic is still prevalent. Ox and donkey teams are being substituted. Some light wagons are hauled by men. Coal has advanced to $7 per load. $2 being charged for delivery. The railroads are refusing to receive freight for delivery here. Great inconvenience is resulting from the disease. The citizens pulled the engines to a fire last night and to-day. The plan worked well. Extinguishers are being used freely.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 16.—The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department gave notice at 4 o'clock this morning that every horse in the Fire Department had the epizootic.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 16.—The horse disease is prevailing here to a small extent, confined to the stables of the Adams Express Company. None of the cases are very serious. All the horses in the city are receiving more than usual attention.

LA SALLE, Ill., Nov. 16.—The horse disease continues to spread in this city, rendering it difficult to procure the services of teams for any purpose whatever, and has also made its appearance in sundry of the townships of this county, greatly hindering the work of corn harvesting.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The horses generally seem to be improving. About two-thirds of the usual number of street-cars were on the several lines to-day.

THE FAR WEST.

Unsuccessful Attempt at Suicide—Indians Going to Their Happy Hunting Grounds—The Steamer Arizona Twelve Days Overdue—The Colorado Diamond Fields—Coal Mines on Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—The notorious criminal, Mortimer, made three desperate attempts to commit suicide in the Sacramento Jail, and was unsuccessful. He is accused of murder and robbery.

The people of Arizona protest against changing the Territory to the Department of New Mexico, and against the assignment of General Howard or any one else to command in place of General Crook.

The Apaches living in the San Pedro and Arizpe bottoms are dying of consumption and scrofula.

A shooting affray took place in this city last night. Louis Ferrar shot Jacob Stoke, inflicting a flesh wound. Ferrar was arrested.

The steamer Arizona has not been heard from, and in San Diego there are fears for the safety of the vessel. She is twelve days over due.

The steamer Costa Rica sailed for Panama, at noon to-day.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 16.—There was quite an excitement to-day upon the report of the New York Tribune, now here, that among the samples of precious stones brought to this city by J. F. Berry, are twenty-six genuine diamonds, one of which weighs three carats. Berry declares his readiness to pilot a party to the locality of discovery at once, and stake everything. They can find diamonds, he says, where Janin of San Francisco went, and the report he made is true. It is not in New Mexico or Arizona, but in Western Colorado. A number of leading capitalists are putting up money

steadily killed, and the colored fireman [illegible] broken and was otherwise injured. [illegible] Parmalee was on the engine at the time, stuck to it, and was uninjured.

Carter's blanket mills, in Winchendon, were burned on Friday night. Loss, [illegible] partly insured.

A POLITICIAN'S BABY.

A Venerable Gentleman and Friend—Both Married on Tuesday—A Remarkable Statement—Needed Explanation.

Corning, N. Y. (Nov. 4), Correspondence of the New York Sun.

I arrived here recently and took up my quarters at the Dickinson House. After I had removed the marks of travel I went down and strolled about the hotel with my cigar. I observed a tall, venerable gentleman, well dressed, walking up and down, smoking a cigar and swinging a gold-headed cane. Leaning against the clerk's counter was a tall, thin, low-faced man, with blonde hair and mouse-colored whiskers, also smoking a cigar. This gentleman was already been pointed out to me as Mr. Cole, the leading politician of the county.

By and by I observed the old gentleman put down his cane and look at Mr. Cole very closely. Mr. Cole raised his mild blue eyes, and a look of recognition overspread the old gentleman. Presently the latter started toward Mr. Cole and said in a very cordial manner, "Excuse me, sir, but I think I've seen you before."

"Very likely," Mr. Cole replied, "I've been there frequently."

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed the old gentleman. "That's very good. But really I think I've seen you somewhere or other before to-night."

"It is not impossible," was Mr. Cole's answer.

"At all events," he continued, with a sly look in his blue eyes, "There's no reason why we shouldn't know each other now."

"That's so," said the old gentleman, shaking [illegible] here's my hand."

Mr. Cole took the hand very carefully indeed, worked it up and down once or twice, and then restored it to the gentleman. This seemed to introduce them, and they got to talking. Cole had nothing else to do, I smoked my cigar and watched them. Presently, after walking up and down the passage, they came and stood before me, and I was that I could not but have overheard that passed.

"Now, look at me, sir," said the old gentleman, straightening himself up and putting the cane under his arm with a flourish.

Mr. Cole looked at him as desired.

"How old do you take to me be, sir?" said the venerable man asked, with his head on one side.

"Over twenty-five," Mr. Cole answered, having apparently considered him attentively for a few moments.

"Over sixty, sir," the old gentleman said, putting it up into syllables, and placing his forefinger somewhere on Mr. Cole's coat. "And what do you think?" he said Mr. Cole threw himself into a thoughtful attitude, but said nothing.

"What do you think, sir?" the venerable one; "I was married last Tuesday."

"So was I!" exclaimed Mr. Cole, suddenly.

The venerable gentleman seized Mr. Cole's hand, and shook it like a small earthquake. "How remarkable!" he went on; "and I think both married last Tuesday!" and kept on squeezing Mr. Cole's hand and shaking it with the energy of an early friend. Then he went up to the bar and the old gentleman stood champagne. The old gentleman invited me to stranger to join them, and after some hesitation I did so, especially as the old gentleman kept eyeing me intently, "Why, I've seen you in Philadelphia at the Continental." He took a roll of his inside pocket the portrait of his wife, and showed it to us. We said it was lovely. He ordered more champagne. We talked variously. The gentleman explained to me the bond that existed between Mr. Cole to himself. "How singular," he said, "both married last Tuesday!"

He stood champagne for the third time, and wanted Mr. Cole to stay all night and have a little matrimony and such like. Mr. Cole tried to excuse himself, but the old gentleman pressed more champagne, saying: "By Jove, it was every day you met with such a remarkable coincidence." Mr. Cole held up his glass of champagne, and, looking at it with approbation, said, "No, it was not."

After a while Mr. Cole said he must go to his wife had been up all the night with the baby—

"The baby!" exclaimed the venerable gentleman, replacing the half raised glass of champagne on the counter with such force as to break the stem, and almost choking with surprise: "the baby! Way you told me you married last Tuesday!"

"So I was," said Mr. Cole, "and have been for the last fifteen years."

The old gentleman gave a gasp, handed his purse, and paid the bill. Then he through the door like a telegraph post per locomotive.

Serious Oddities.

The danger of extempore prayer is that it degenerates into mere nonsense. Take, for example, the case of the elder who was asked to pray on the day after a battle, and who said:

"O Lord, I never see such a day as it was yesterday, and I don't believe you ever will. Or take the case of the minister giving thanks at harvest time. "We thank thee, O Lord, for the great bounty," said he, "we thank thee for the fine weather, we thank thee for the bountiful harvest, and that hast enabled us to gather in the wheat this year, out all this district—with the exception of Farmer Mills' little three-cornered patch in the hollow, not worth mentioning." Or Mr. Ramsay—if I remember rightly—has a better story of the same kind. A friend of his minister, having been requested by his flock to pray for better weather, and being at the same time warned to be careful in presenting his petition, because the time he had prayed for better weather, it would become worse, thus expressed himself: "Grant, noo, Lord, I have a petition to present to Thee; a man be unco wary o' the weather's o't. Lord, the kittle state the crops are in. Lord, I send ye a soughin', nor'ther, dreein' tweel, 'll save the stime, and winna harm the heast, if ye send a tearin', reevin', thunderin' blast, ye did the last time I prayed for guds weather, ye'll play the very mischief wi' the stime, fairly spoil a." A singular example of the effect of devotional habits over ignorant mind was recorded in the town of Salisbury some years ago. A domestic servant at [illegible] was charged with stealing five pounds from her master's till. This sum was missed immediately after she had made from her master's room, and when taken into custody a purse was found in her possession, on which she had recently written a prayer suited to her circumstances. Here is a copy of the strange document: "O Lord, I pray thee look down on me, who is now bowed down with grief; in pity, send me all things that I may require." I pray you, the broken-hearted woman, that I require: 1 sack of flour, 1 score of pork, 1¼ ditto salt beef, 6 pounds sugar, 1 ditto butter, 6 ditto cheese, 4 ditto tea, ½ ditto coffee, 2 sacks of patatas, 1 ton coals, a hundred of wood, and 2 sovereigns to pay for Vinall for her kindness." Mrs. Vinall was the woman to whose house she had gone when giving away from her situation. I may add that the pious young person, who apparently was sure of a favorable answer to her petition, helping herself to the means of purchasing what she needed, escaped scot free, because it could not be shown that the money she had known to have expended on herself, after the same money, was actually the same money that she had lost. In nothing, perhaps, is the humorous side of the religious feeling exhibited more strongly than in the cathedrals and churches of past ages. The religious architectures of these were influenced by a great deal of earnest sincerity, admits of no question. Yet what quaint ideas their works present, what comicalities in some of what absolute obscenities even in connection with all that is sacred! What prompted these eccentricities? Not irreligion, certainly; probably mere grossness, or the absence of that delicate nicety which in these days draws a hard and fast line between the fanciful and licentious, and between the legitimately artistic and the offensively suggestive. But, in truth, we have little able to realize the Middle-Age religious life. It was something quite distinct from anything of which we have experience. It is hard even to understand the spirit which moved men of later days; of Wilde, the parish example, vicar of Aylmo, and one of the reforming ministers of 1662, who is remembered for having a good thing in an incredibly bad manner, who left six Bibles to one of the churches of his native town, St. Ives; for which he left twelve poor men, six male and six female, were to throw crowns in the church on Whit-Tuesday, while the minister knelt and prayed to God to "direct the eyes to his glory!" That is surely one of the most remarkable prayers on record.—*Belgravia.*

—Citizens of Philadelphia propose to erect a monument to the memory of General Meade, and the Fairmount Park Art Association has offered to take charge of the project, has opened the subscription with $5,000. At a meeting on Tuesday, a subscription was opened for a monumental to be given to Mrs. General Meade, the deceased having left no property. Thirty thousand dollars was raised, and it is proposed to increase that amount to $100,000.

WISCONSIN.

Results of the Recent Election—A Review of the Canvass.

Congressional Candidates and Votes.

The Next Legislature—United States Senator Howe Certain of Re-election.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADISON, WIS., Nov. 15, 1872.

THE ELECTION.

Official returns made to the Secretary of State, from thirty-four counties, complete statements published in the newspapers from a dozen more, and pretty reliable reports from the rest, show a majority of over 17,000 for the Republican candidates for President and Congress, which, it is believed, the official canvass will make nearer 19,000. This is some 5,000 more than was claimed by experienced Republican politicians the day after election, and a third more than the Liberals then conceded. The increase of the majority beyond expectations comes mainly from the two newer-settled counties in the Seventh and Eighth Congressional Districts, which railroads lately built and now building are rapidly developing, the total vote in considerably more than last year, but less than four years ago,—partly owing to bad weather, partly to the indisposition of many to support either candidate for President.

The campaign was sharply contested by both State and Local Committees. A "Liberal" Committee, appointed by the delegates from Wisconsin to the Cincinnati Convention, issued an elaborate address, which was widely published; but the Chairman of the Committee, its author, the Hon. H. A. Mazy, soon after connected himself with the *Saint Paul Pioneer*, and no effective organization was made till after the Baltimore Convention. Then the Liberal and Democratic Committees held a meeting for consultation, put an Electoral ticket in the field, having on it some of the most honored Republicans in the State, such as the venerable Lieutenant-Governor, Wyman Spooner, and organized for work, the campaign being thenceforth, mainly, under the direction of Mr. George H. Paul, of the Milwaukee *News*, long an active Democratic worker, who was "instant, in season and out of season," for the cause. The Republican Electoral ticket having been designated at the Convention as the choice of German Republicans followed in the lead of Mr. Schurz over to the Liberal party on the general issues, and especially the French-arms-sale grievance,—their numbers being swelled by the Liquor-sellers' Respondibility law, known as "No. 7 A," passed by the last Legislature, to which they were strongly opposed, and for which they held the Republicans responsible, though its author—Mr. Graham, of Rock—was also found on the Liberal side. All but two or three German papers sided with the Liberals, including the Milwaukee *Herold*, which has absorbed much Republican funds in its establishment. No great proportion of the Germans of Wisconsin, however, have ever been Republicans, so that the losses in this quarter were not felt as severely as in some other States; while it thought by many that the gain from the Irish, who voted the Republican ticket more than ever, nearly balanced the German losses. The Norwegian immigrants are almost all for results for the Republican party; and, but for them, the result in many localities would have been quite different. The Liberals, the number of whom early in the campaign caused serious fears to Republican leaders of loosing the State, entered with more zeal into the canvass than the Democrats; and one complaint of fusion candidates was, that the latter did not do their fair share to promote the common cause, and a chief effort of the leaders of the campaign was to rally the rank and file, which, however, they failed to do with the same heartiness as they would have done under a partisan standard-bearer. Thus much generally. A brief review of the different Congressional Districts will be of interest.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND VOTES.

In the First District, composing Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha counties, all Republican except the latter, which is slightly Democratic, the opposing candidates were both of Rock County, the Hon. C. G. Williams, a very eloquent and brilliant speaker and experienced legislator of great personal popularity, Republican; the Hon. L. G. Sloan, Liberal, for twelve years Republican Representative in Congress, a man held in high esteem as an able lawyer, straightforward man, and cool reasoner. Both spoke at different points in the district. In 1868, the Republican majority was 7,562; in 1870, 4,301. This year it is about 6,500. These in a smaller vote than four years ago in all the counties,—the Liberal vote now being larger than the Democratic vote in 1868 in only Kenosha and Racine Counties, though in all the counties some strong men went with the Liberals.

In the Second District, the candidates were the Hon. G. W. Hazelton, of Columbia, Republican; a man of fair abilities and a clear and pleasant speaker, who has made a good record in the present Congress; and the Hon. George B. Smith, of Dane, a prominent Democratic politician since the days of "Barstow and the balance," but most heartily supported by the Liberals, a lawyer of ability and large practice, an effective speaker, most agreeable socially, and a most zealous partisan. Both candidates made speeches in all parts of the district. Four years ago, the Republicans had 4,169 majority in the present district,—including Columbia, Dane, Jefferson, and Sauk,—and, in 1870, only 706. This year, Grant has about 2,000; Hazelton, 61,600. There is a large falling off in the vote, mainly on the Republican side, though the other does not equal 1868.

In the Third District,—comprising Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties,—the candidates were J. Allen Barber, of Grant, Republican, a pioneer settler, an able lawyer, and fully imbued with the proverbial Grant County ideas of scrupulous honesty and close economy in governmental administration, and who has made an excellent member his first term; and Allan Warden, of Lafayette, Liberal, a miller and active business man, and Democratic Postmaster at Beloit under Pierce. The Straughton Democratic paper in the district, the Prairie du Chien *Courier*, prefarred Barber to Warden. That paper, by the way, hailed the O'Connor ticket, and though being the organ of Southwestern Wisconsin Democrats, and always ultra, there were only 41 votes for that ticket in Crawford County, where it is published. Several made it a pass into the Grant camp. Grant had 4,967 majority here in 1868; Barber, Republican, for Congress, 2,334 in 1870. Now, Grant has 4,159; Barber, a few more. The vote here shows a falling off from the last Presidential election on both sides, except in Grant, where the opposition vote is increased some 250, and in Iowa 19.

In the Fourth District the fusion candidate was the Hon. Alexander Mitchell, of Milwaukee, the present popular Representative, a man of much financial ability, of ample means, of large influence in railroad and business circles, of whose benevolence Milwaukee has had many proofs. Fred. W. Horn, long a leader of the German Democracy, came out as an independent Straightout Democratic candidate, mainly with a view to divert the votes from Greeley; but concluding, after the October elections, that he was not likely to be elected President, and that, as between him and Mr. Mitchell, many Milwaukee Republicans would vote for the latter, he withdrew. General Fred. C. Winkler, an able German lawyer of Milwaukee, was then nominated by the Republicans, and made a brief canvass, though, of course, without any hope of success. In the Counties of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Washington,—comprising this district,—Seymour had 6,380 majority in 1868; Mitchell, 9,879 in 1870. Now, Greeley has a little less than 6,000; Mitchell, a little more.

In the Fifth District,—including Dodge, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, and Manitowoc Counties,—the Democrats renominated the Hon. C. A. Eldridge, who had represented the district for several successive terms, and attained a prominent position among the leading Democrats of the nation. There were other aspirants, who thought he should stand aside, and a coolness was shown in his support on their part, which, with other things, encouraged the Republicans to nominate Major Henry Baetz, our present State Treasurer, and a very popular German; and hopes were entertained by him and his friends of carrying the district, as, two years ago, only a few hundred votes were lacking of a Republican majority in these counties. Mr. Eldridge, however, canvassed his district thoroughly, had valuable aid from some who had hitherto opposed him, aroused party spirit, and is elected by some 3,000 majority, Greeley having about 3,500. Two years ago, the Democrats had 1,035 in the same counties; four years ago, 1,203.

In the Sixth District,—comprising the northeastern counties of the State,—the Hon. Philetus Sawyer, who, though no orator, is a most active and successful worker in legislative bodies, and has rendered his constituents great service during his successive terms as member, was nominated by the Republicans; and the Hon. M. P. Lindsley, a genial gentleman, with considerable ability as a writer and business man, was the Liberal candidate against him. Mr. Sawyer did not make an active canvass as usual, and personal and local jealousies, with some appointments in his district that were not satisfactory, operated to slightly reduce his majority, which, two years ago 4,198, is now about 3,500, and Grant's somewhat more, against 5,012 in 1868. The returns are incomplete.

In the Seventh District,—made up of the Mississippi River counties, from Vernon to St. Croix,—General J. M. Rusk, of Vernon, the present member, was renominated by the Republicans, but bolted by one Republican paper and a few sympathizers. He was a brave soldier, a good Bank Controller, is an earnest worker, and made himself conspicuous in the last Congress by his advocacy of the renewal of the St. Croix laud-grant. His opponent was Stephen Marston, of Eau Clair, a worthy gentleman, of whom all men spoke well, who had been Postmaster at Eau Claire. The candidates did not do much speech-making, but others did for them. General Rusk's majority, each of the eleven counties contributing something, (his own over 2,000), is about 7,000, to 5,071 in 1870, and Grant's about the same, to 7,978 in 1868. Returns are not all in yet.

In the Eighth District, the Liberals nominated William Carson, of Chippewa, a large lumberman, and highly esteemed in his section. The Republicans nominated A. S. McDill, of Portage County, latterly the efficient Superintendent of our Hospital for the Insane, and out of politics; and, though an attempt was made to prejudice him on account of his residence at the Asylum while Superintendent, the District gave him and Grant some 2,500 to 3,100 Republican majority in 1868, and 220 in 1870. Full returns from some counties are still lacking, but there is probably an increase in the vote over four years ago.

In 1868, the Republican majority in the State was 24,217; in 1870, 6,336; in 1871, 9,391.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The following is a list of the members of the next Legislature,—Republicans in Roman, Democrats in *Italics*, Independents in SMALL CAPS; the Senators in the even numbered districts holding over from last year.

SENATE.	
Dist.	*Dist.*
1. *Patrick O'Rourke,*	18. W. H. Hiner.
2. *M. P. Lindsley.*	19. Robert McCurdy.
3. *F. W. Catchasseen.*	20. *Joseph Wagner.*
4. William Nelson.	21. Myron H. McCord.
5. R. H. Baker.	22. *Geo. Kriess.*
6. *John L. Mitchell,*	23. *Walter S. Gross.*
7. John A. Johnson.	24. J. E. Irish.
8. Samuel Pruitt.	25. R. L. D. Potter.
9. Francis Little.	26. R. E. Davis.*
10. William Blair.	27. Evan O. Jones.
11. Francis Campbell.	28. H. L. Eaton.
12. Orrin Bacon.	29. Thos. B. Scott.
13. *S. D. Buckland,*	30. J. G. Thorger.
14. J. B. Quimby.	31. G. C. Hixon.
15. *Carl Schmidt.*	32. Orlando Brown.*
16. J. C. Holloway.	33. *Adam Schantz,*
17. H. N. Davis.	

Republicans, 21; Democrats, 10; Liberals, 2.

* Elected as Republicans last year, but acting with the Liberals at the late election.

ASSEMBLY.

Adams and Wood—Charles A. Cady.
Ashland, Barron, Douglas, Polk, etc.—H. D. Barron.
Brown and part of Kewaunee—J. S. Curtis, W. H. Bartran, *D. Duane.*
Buffalo—Robert Henry.
Calumet—THOMAS LYNCH.
Chippewa—Albert E. Pound.
Clark and Jackson—E. R. Merritt.
Columbia—S. S. Brannan, H. C. Brace, J. L. Porter.
Crawford—*Peter Doyle.*
Dane—O. W. Thornton, *L. B. Vilas, Otto Carl,* H. H. Cornwell.
Dodge—*J. W. Davis, John Runkle, W. C. Fuller, Dennis Short, Sal. Clark, Fred. Gmeruch.*
Door and part of Kewaunee—De Wayne Stebbins.
Dunn and Pepin—Horace E. Houghton.
Eau Claire—William Pitt Purtiell.
Fond du Lac—A. A. Lopez, *R. M. Lewis, T. S. Fay.*
Grant—*T. G. Stephens,* W. H. Cline, John Monteith, C. Hutchinson.
Green—John Luchsinger.
Green Lake—A. D. *Foote,*
Iowa—*W. E. Rowe,* William Robinson.
Jefferson—TAY. DEVE, *C. H. Stanford,* J. W. Ostrander.
Juneau—H. F. C. Nichols.
Kenosha—Asahel Farr.
La Crosse—Alexander McMillan.
Lafayette—William H. Armstrong.
Manitowoc—*C. H. Zorn,* O. S. Davis, *Joseph Baskin.*
Marathon—*D. L. Plumer.*
Marquette—Charles S. Kelsey.
Milwaukee—I. W. Van Schaick, JACOB SAUNDERS, *James McGrath, Geo. E. Weiss,* John A. Becker, *C. M. Sanger, H. L. Palmer,* Galen B. Seaman, *Moritz K. Becker, Thos. Tobin, John E. Stemper.*
Monroe—O. H. Allen, F. A. Bleckman.
Oconto—R. W. Hubbell.
Outagamie, part of Waupaca, and Shawano—*John Roemer,* W. Masters. (?)
Ozaukee—*A. Zimmerman, C. E. Chamberlin.*
Pierce—I. E. Peterson.
Portage—D. R. Clements.
Racine—John Elkins, Richard Richards.
Richland—N. L. James, Geo. W. Putnam.
Rock—J. M. Evans, D. F. Sayre, D. G. Chesver, R. K. Fell, H. A. Patterson.
St. Croix—*D. C. Fulton.*
Sauk—John Young, John Kellogg.
Sheboygan—*J. Judenitsch, Otto Pahlman,* Peter Deane.
Trempeleau—S. W. Button.
Vernon—Peter Jorgan. J. R. Tain.
Walworth—L. B. Douglass, Frank Leland, C. R. Gibbs.
Washington—*S. S. Weil, H. W. Sawyer.*
Waukesha—G. Parks, D. W. Rhoda.
Waupaca—C. Caldwell.
Waushara—Sherman Bardwell.
Winnebago—*Jno. Wall,* Thos. McConnell, Carlton Forster, Albert Wood.

Republicans, 62; Democrats, 34; Independents, 4.

The only district doubtful is one of parts of Waupaca and Outagamie Counties. Of the two Liberal Senators, one is under the strongest pledges to vote for T. O. Howe for United States Senator. Of the Independents in the Assembly, one is also thus pledged. Senator Howe (for no one else is talked of) will, therefore, have at least 37 majority on joint ballot. Several members, if not a majority, of the Republicans elected, are instructed to vote for Senator Howe's re-election, and there will not be the slightest opposition.

The applicants for official positions and place in connection with the next Legislature promise to be legions, and it would be useless to begin to enumerate.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REJECTED.

The people have made a serious mistake in their own interests, in rejecting an amendment to the Constitution increasing the number of Judges of the Supreme Court from three to five; of the great need of which lawyers, and all familiar with the business of the Court, are thoroughly aware; and, no public opposition having been made thereto, no special effort was made in its favor, and the people voted it down on the score of what they believed to be economy. The Judges are the hardest-working officials of the State, and yet cannot properly keep up with the business brought before them.

OCCASIONAL.

THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The family dispute of the Browns, reported fully in THE TRIBUNE at the time of the fight over the title to the estate of the deceased Joseph Brown, in the County Court, was, on Saturday, transferred to the Cook County Circuit Court, to which the case has been appealed. The claim on the estate, on which the difficulty occurred, is for money received from E. Walker, (lessee of the stone quarry), $2,536; five years' board and lodging, $900, $1,500; and keeping horse fifteen months, $90; or a total of $4,126. Judgment was given by Judge Wallace for $2,626, in favor of N. J. Brown, the claimant, and it is against this judgment that the appeal is entered.

The statement made by the *Journal*, that the *Post* Printing Company, on Friday, filed a declaration of bankruptcy, is incorrect, or it would duly have appeared in its place in this column. The last entry on the docket is the usual rule to show cause, which rule has been extended, and not yet answered.

W. A. Butters & Co., on Saturday, obtained an attachment against Charles W. King, of New Jersey, for $1,000, being advances on goods to be consigned to the former firm; with garnishee against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway Company on goods belonging to King, in their possession.

The celebrated whiskey partnership suit, in which Mr. Schuisenberg, of St. Louis, threw Mr. Dunham's sample room business into chancery, was on Saturday dismissed by complainant's solicitors, the parties having come to some amicable arrangement.

John F. Collins on Saturday petitioned for his own bankruptcy. Among his debts are the sums of $10,000, due to James & Smith, Middletown, Conn.; $9,500 to J. N. De Long, New York; $4,500 to W. Gray, New York; $3,750 to E. P. Stewart, New York; and to a number of others, almost wholly of New York.

Patrick Gillespie sues George W. Emerson and Ellen Emerson for groceries and such like goods, furnished to the former when she was a single women. This is the first suit of the kind since the fire.

Testimony was taken in the matter of Frederick Wichelman, in bankruptcy, on Saturday, but nothing of a conclusive character was done, and the examination adjourned.

Meetings of creditors to elect assignees will be held before Register Hibbard, at 11 o'clock this morning, in the cases of Pettibone & Flynn, and William Batterman, in bankruptcy.

The Gorham Manufacturing Company on Saturday commenced suit on trespass in the case v. the Michigan Central Railroad Company, damages laid at $10,000.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

LAW.—302—Morris v. Stebbins; leave to plaintiff to file restricted papers; demurrer of defendants to replea in ten days after service. 539—Bothwell v. Wolf et al.; submitted to Court and taken under advisement. 603—Burrell, etc., v. Nixon et al.; submitted to Court.

NEW SUITS.—Gorham Manufacturing Company v. Michigan Central Railroad Company; case, $10,000; Hoyne, Horton & Hoyne, attorneys.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

706—Assignees Great Western Insurance Company v. Libby; defendant withdraws demurrer to the third, fifth, sixth, and seventh counts of declaration, and plaintiff confesses to demurrer to first and second counts, and to plea of set-off and second counts; demurrer so fourth count overruled, and rule to plead by this morning.

NEW SUITS.—Patrick Hardy v. Brig Roactus; libel for wages, $122.75; Reynolds & Richberg and F. A. Hoffman for proctors.

BANKRUPTCY.—2,149—The Republic Insurance Company; order appointing Joseph R. Fayson provisional assignee.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—J. F. Collins; voluntary, on his own petition.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

[Judge Gary.]

LAW.—3,291—Conley v. Pfaun; default set aside and leave to answer. —— Wm. Dermody v. City of Chicago; leave to file transcript of record and ordered judgment spread of record. 2,574 v. Wilson v. Elgin Manufacturing Company; motion for new trial denied, judgment and *returne habendo* appeal bond $1,000, and bill of exceptions in 40 days. G. N. 39,302—Kleeman v. Hunt; rule on the Sheriff of Knox County to return *fa. fa.* by 20th instant. G. N. 1,308—Boyer, administrator, v. Boyer; leave to petitioner to file petition, and ordered summons. G. N. 41,309—Same v. Clark; same order.

CALL TO-DAY.—41 to 61, except 42 and 43.

[Judge Gary.]

CHANCERY.—729—Gillick v. Hubbard; Master's report filed and confirmed, and decree reforming deeds. 561—Nelson v. Nelson; personal service on defendant W. W. Robinson; answer of defendant Ellen filed, and reference to Magruder.—Levy v. Levy; leave to file petition, and ordered summons. 871—Haber v. Haber; decree of divorce. 864—Turner v. Stewart; decree establishing title. 905—Miller v. Miller; decree of divorce. 1,005—Harris v. Harris; decree of foreclosure of mortgage.

NEW SUITS.—41,296—W. A. Butters & Co. v. Charles W. King; attachment, $2,500; Hugh H. White, attorney. 41,297—Ludwig Loberger v. Hiram Fry. 41,298—Rosina Lenz v. Philip Lenz; petition to restore record of a divorce, allowing alimony and the custody of a child. 41,299—Ignatius Shoen v. M. Brunsel; assumpsit, $500; Runyan, Avery, Loomis & Counselman, attorneys. 41,300—Fred. Ayer & Co., operative Foundry Company v. James Boggs; affidavit for garnishee against Augustus F. Otto for a judgment of $863.18; Nissen & Barnum, attorneys. 41,301—Theodore B. Fry v. James McGinley; assumpsit, $1,000; Hutchinson & Luff, attorneys. 41,302—Henry Greenebaum & Co. v. The Scandinavian National Bank, $15,000; Moore & Caulfield, attorneys. 41,303—Patrick Gillespie v. Andrew J. Kinney; chattels, $500; D. W. Waughhof, attorney. 41,304—Same v. George W. and Ellen Emerson; assumpsit, $600; same attorney. 41,305—J. Sampson & G. Gilbert v. Thomas Swaun; judgment by confession on a note for $300; E. G. Asay, attorney. 41,306—C. C. & G. Mason, and John Mohr, assumpsit, $1,000; Rich & Noble, attorneys. 41,307—City v. Haenich, appeal. 41,308—Elizabeth Boyer, administratrix, v. David Horsing; petition to supply records. H. F. Valette, attorney. 41,309—Same v. John Clark; same. 41,310—Heath & Milligan v. John Charles Matthai; assumpsit, $1,500; Bonfield and Carey, attorneys. 41,311—City v. Kabat; appeal. 41,312—Miner T. Ames v. Fred. O. Kimball; assumpsit, $1,500; A. W. Linscott, attorney. 41,313—D. James Leary v. Andrew D. Swanson; confession of judgment on a note for $150; Chauncey Keep, attorney. 41,314—Same v. Peter T. Peterson; same for $300.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Rogers.]

LAW.—566—Van Bell v. Kehoe; motion for new trial heard, and allowed upon defendant paying costs to date, and judgment to stand for security. 2,416—Farrar v. Commercial Insurance Company; evidence heard, and judgment, $12,075. 2,411—Kennedy v. Same; same order for $6,300. 42—Higgins v. Bloomington Insurance Company; motion for new trial heard and overruled, and judgment on verdict; appeal granted; bond $2,100 in twenty days, and bill of exceptions in thirty days for bill of exceptions. 567—Skomer v. Skinner; motion for new trial submitted without argument, and allowed. 286—American v. Rumpert; motion for new trial heard and denied, and judgment on verdict; appeal granted, bond $250, in 20 days, and 30 days for bill of exceptions. 337—Brennan v. Smyry; motion for new trial heard and overruled, and motion in arrest of judgment overruled, and judgment on verdict; appeal granted, bond $1,000, in 20 days, and 30 days for bill of exceptions. 64—Smith v. Harris; motion for new trial submitted without argument, and overruled, and judgment on verdict; appeal granted, bond $600, in 20 days, and 30 days to file bill of exceptions. 470—DeWitt v. Lipman; motion by defendant to set aside order overruling motion for new trial heard and granted, without prejudice. G. N. 4,781—People ex rel. Tanner Haycraft v. William Haycraft; capias; verdict of Mary Haycraft given to the defendant, her father.

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4,767—Glazier v. Carl; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney. 742—Gray v. Kearns; judgment on payment of costs of term by plaintiff. 686—Hess v. Booth; motion for new trial by defendant. 1,031—Chicago Gas and Water Pipe Company v. Lavis; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney. 1,057—C. G. H. & M. Company v. Mackey, et al.; motion for new trial on behalf of respondents Davis, Hart, Riley, and Charlow, withdrawn; same overruled as to Asa McGowan, Asa Jackson, J. W. Barker, J. Miller, and J. Miller, and award of jury confirmed as to Barker, Finnegan, Linsey, and Robinson; appeal bond $200, each; 30 days to file bond and bill of exceptions. G. 4,304—Hall v. Parvin; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Monday Morning, November 18, 1872.

On the testimony of an "expert," the wife and daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Smith, of Raleigh, were imprisoned the other day, on a charge of having murdered him by poison. They were discharged on Saturday, on the ground that there was no evidence to justify the charge or their detention.

Since Austrian law would afford Americans no protection against appropriation of their patents, they hesitate to expose their products at the coming Vienna Exposition. The State Department has proposed and will submit to the Austrian Government the protocol of a treaty which shall guard the rights of American inventors. It is hoped this may be made the occasion for similar conventions with other nations.

Emigration from Germany to this country has been greatly aided by the course of German railroads in carrying emigrants at reduced rates and without charge for baggage. An official order has been issued by the Prussian Minister of Commerce forbidding the continuance of this liberal policy. This action comes close upon the recent announcement by our State Department, that the Prussian Government denied that it had discouraged emigration to the United States.

Yedo and Yokohama are now joined by a railroad, the first ever built in Japan. A new telegraph line is being rapidly constructed, and further evidence that no reaction has occurred in the liberal policy of that country is found in the edict of the Department of Religion, offering equal toleration to all religious bodies, in the departure of four native priests to study European religions, and in the adoption at Yedo of the American system of Police Magistrates.

The total vote in the State of Illinois at the recent election for President was 425,829, against a vote in 1868 of 449,486, showing a falling off of 23,607. Of this vote, General Grant received 240,815, against 250,293 in 1868; Mr. Greeley received 185,014, against 199,143 for Seymour in 1868. Grant received 9,478 less than he did in 1868, and Greeley received 14,129 less than Seymour. Grant's majority in 1868, 51,150; in 1872, 55,815. The vote for Governor was 430,506, or 4,677 more than for President. Oglesby received 237,591, and Koerner 192,915. Oglesby's majority, 44,676.

It is believed that the next experiment in Civil Service Reform will take place in New York, beginning with the office of Surveyor of Customs, about to be vacated by the resignation of Mr. Cornell, and extending to the bonded warehouse system administered by Leet & Stocking. It is reported that Mr. Thomas Murphy is considerably astonished, and that the horde of newly-arrived politicians and party-strikers in Washington are ready for open revolt. Never mind! They are of no more use to the country, or to the Administration, for that matter, than the town poor are to the town. An alms-house rebellion would be an agreeable and diverting entertainment just now.

It is rumored in Washington that the seat on the Supreme Bench of the United States, to be vacated by the retirement of Judge Nelson, will be offered to Judge Settle, of North Carolina. Judge Settle is not unknown as a politician of some service to the Republican party; as a gentleman who drew a salary as Foreign Minister for some time without quiting his native State; as the presiding officer of the Philadelphia Convention, and as an uncrowned martyr, who had the good fortune to be feebly assaulted while making a stump speech during the late campaign. That all those are political accomplishments, and perhaps political claims, as politics goes, cannot be denied. Yet it is not probable that they will be acknowledged by an appointment to the Supreme Bench.

Political matters in Louisiana are in their usual muddle. The State voted for Greeley, and elected the Democratic candidate for Governor. The Constitution makes the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and two others, the Board to canvass the returns and proclaim the result. A majority of this Board declared its purpose to reject the vote of New Orleans, the object being to elect Kellogg, the Republican candidate for Governor. But this purpose was defeated by the removal of the Secretary of State, the retirement of Lieutenant Governor Pinchback, and the filling of a vacancy in the Board by Governor Warmoth. Whereupon Mr. Kellogg has sued out an injunction restraining and prohibiting the Board from counting the vote or declaring the result, and prohibiting the Governor-elect from assuming the duties of the office. Until the Court gives its decision nobody can be declared to be elected in Louisiana.

It has become very evident that Boston has not the need for relief which was supposed at first. It was a natural impulse of gratitude and liberality that prompted the donation of so large a sum from the Chicago Relief fund and by private subscription, and no one will regret it. On the other hand, it is gratifying to learn not only that the suffering entailed by the Boston fire is not so great as to demand any movement of general relief, but that the people and press there protest against the somewhat precipitate action of the Committee in announcing the acceptance of all aid that might be proffered. The highest estimate that has been placed upon the number of families burned out is 800, or about 1,500 people in all. Boston feels generally that it is abundantly able to provide for these people. Boston is heartily welcome to the $100,000 of the Chicago Relief money set apart for her sufferers, and we have no doubt that those who have made private subscriptions outside of this will not regret them for one moment. But the work of soliciting might stop. The renewed declaration of the Boston press that no more aid is needed should be sufficient assurance that Chicago has done all that could be expected in any quarter.

The meeting of Liberal and Democratic Committees at Columbus, Ohio, during last week, to consider plans for the future, was untimely. It needed no joint and several address to inform the people how the election had gone, nor the reasons therefor. Though it is perfectly true that General Grant received more votes in 1868 in the States that voted that year than he did in the same States in 1872, it is also true that the vote on the other side was still smaller. The meeting was, so far as it undertook to consider of organized action in the future, wholly premature. The issues and questions of the future will be developed by time, and the future action of parties must be left to be determined by events. The country can afford to rest for a while until public affairs take a fixed shape. It is with the Administration to determine the future of parties. The men who engaged in the Cincinnati movement did so not for the mere purpose of putting one set of men out of office and another set in; they sought the accomplishment of certain reforms, and it makes no difference by whom those reforms are carried out. The Administration, if so disposed, may carry out the whole Cincinnati platform, and if they do it will be as perfect a realization of reform ideas as if the same thing was done by any other Administration.

The Chicago produce markets were rather slow on Saturday, with few important changes in prices. Mess pork was dull and easier, at $14.50@15.00 for old; $13.00@13.50 for new; and $12.20@12.30 for do seller December. Lard was in fair demand and easier, at 7¼c cash or seller December, and 7⅝c seller March. Meats were dull and steady, at 4¼c for shoulders, 6½@6⅝c for short ribs, and 7¼@7¾c for short clear, all part salted; sweet pickled hams, 9½@10½c. Highwines were in fair demand and steadier, at 89c per gallon. Lake freights are moderately active, and ⅝@1c higher, at 10¾@11c for wheat by sail to Buffalo. Flour was quiet and steady. Wheat was less active, but ½@1c higher, closing strong at $1.04 cash, and $1.04@1.04¼ seller December. Corn was dull and a shade easier, closing firmer at 31¾c seller the month, and 31@31¾c seller December. Oats were quiet, but ½@¾c higher, at 21¾c seller the month, and 22½@22¾c seller December. Rye was quiet at 1c advance, at 53c. Barley was dull and easier, closing at 61¾@62c for No. 2; 61c seller the month, and 50c for No. 3. The hog trade was moderately active, with prices steady at $3.95@4.20. Cattle met with a liberal inquiry from local and outside buyers, at about yesterday's prices, sales making at $3.00@6.30 for common to choice. Sheep were but little inquired for, and were weak at $3.00@5.00.

The epizootic, after having disabled the horses of New York for a fortnight, is now followed by a supplementary disease, of the character of dropsy, which is assumed to be the result of putting the horses at work before they have sufficiently recovered. This second attack is so general that it has compelled the horse cars and omnibuses to haul off a large part of their force, and to compel the withdrawal of other horses engaged in transportation in the city. Ox teams, which had been discontinued, have been put at work again, and the suspension of business has been partially renewed. The deaths from the relapse of the disease are more frequent than from the original attack, and, therefore, those who have had sick horses should be careful that they are not put at work too soon. What has happened in New York in respect to this disease may happen from the same causes here, and, though we have had yet no cases of the supplementary disease in Chicago, it is but natural to expect that there will be some.

In the meantime, the epizootic has taken up a wide line of travel. It has gone northward, through Wisconsin, and will, no doubt, reach Minnesota. It has entered Iowa, and will, possibly, pass into Nebraska. It has gone south through this State, and will in time attack St. Louis. It prevails largely in Ohio, all the towns and cities from Toledo to Cincinnati being afflicted by its disabling effects upon the horses. It seems to progress with regularity, hardly any place escaping it. It is reasonable to assume that from Ohio it will cross into Kentucky, and thence down, in due procession, to the cities on the Gulf.

The telegraph states that the Italian Government informed the Pope that the annual allowance made to him had been voted by the Parliament, and that the Pope has answered by declining to receive the same. There is nothing new in this. When the Papal States were annexed to Italy, the Government of Italy assumed the debt of the Papal States, took possession, of course, of the revenues from taxes, and guaranteed to pay annually to the Pope a sum equal to the amount appropriated by the Papal Government for the support of the Pope's household, and for the maintenance of the ecclesiastical Government. The refusal to accept this appropriation now is but a repetition of a like refusal on former occasions. Prior to the annexation of Rome, the debt of the Papal States was very large; so large that it was beyond all hope of ever being paid. The annual revenues of the Government were not sufficient to pay its ordinary expenses, much less to pay the interest on the debt in addition. The annual appropriations for the Papal household were regularly made, but the Treasury was never able to pay them. Financially, the condition of the Papal Government was very low, and was getting worse every year, and it was indebted to the contributions received from all parts of the world for the means of keeping up even a show of respectable power. The assumption of the whole debt by the Kingdom of Italy was a great relief to the Papal Government, which, however, has uniformly protested against being thus relieved. It has in like manner refused to accept from the King of Italy the revenue it so sadly needs, and prefers to depend upon the voluntary contributions sent to it from the faithful in all quarters of the globe. It does this rather than submit to a political change which it hopes to have reversed at some time, and when the Pope will again be recognized as the sovereign Prince of Rome.

HOME AGAIN.

One year, one month and one week ago, THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, under stress of circumstances too pressing to be ignored, took up its line of march, with a galling fire in the rear, for a humble and exceedingly dingy tenement on Canal street. In front was the odorous river, running like a very dirty ribbon between the new office and the smoking heap of ruins; in the rear, all sorts of small manufactories with the tallest of smoke stacks and shrillest of steam whistles, tumbled together promiscuously, and each overlapping the other, presenting tempting inducements for a bonfire; on the one side, a tenement swarming with apple pedlers, peripatetic hucksters, Italian restaurateurs, African vagrants, and *canaille* of all sorts; on the other, buildings of a squatty order, suddenly filled from top to bottom with South Side merchants, who, following Mr. Greeley's advice, had taken a few dollars and gone West very precipitately. Although the Canal street tenement was a very small one in comparison with the Madison street fire-proof quarters, it was amply large, for THE TRIBUNE went over in light marching order, without baggage or *impedimenta* of any description, except a safe, a linen coat, and a box of matches. The first couldn't burn, the other two wouldn't, and in this small stock in trade THE TRIBUNE resumed business. The prospect in that tenement, on that morning, was not calculated to induce cheerfulness upon the part of its occupants, or any great degree of hilarity. The ground floor had been used for general storage, and was filled with lumber of all sorts, old barrels, fragments of machinery, and boxes, scattered about in dire and dirty confusion. The second floor was filled with egg boxes. No one can ever tell what was on the third. It was the accumulated refuse of years, which had been allowed to moulder undisturbed by anything save spinning spiders and squeaking rats. Into this queer stable plunged editors, reporters, and printers, and a few hours of sturdy labor turned the inside of the building into the street. No one connected with THE TRIBUNE was very proud that day, and so the editors were not ashamed to prepare copy on the top of barrels at one end of the room, while the clerks took in advertisements over barrels at the other. During the day, by the exercise of faith and the investment of what little cash was found in the pockets of the proprietors, material enough to commence housekeeping in a small way was got together, and that night, by the light of tallow candles, the printers, huddled together, elbow to elbow, set up the narrative of the fire. The result of the day's work appeared the next morning. It was not a triumph of typographical skill or artistic make-up. The second-hand clothes in which it was dressed fitted very badly; indeed, it resembled nothing so much as a small child out on a lark in its mother's gown, or a green country lad whose legs have run far beyond the limit of his trousers. It was not such a sheet as it was intended to print a day or two before, on the great eight-cylinder, just then warped, battered, and twisted all out of gear, in its struggle with the fire. Nevertheless, it was a newspaper, and its appearance testified to the fact that one of the wheels in the burnt Chicago had begun to revolve again. Day by day and week by week the tangle was unsnarled; and, before the snow began to fly, order and system had been resolved out of chaos. Each one gradually fitted into his place, and the only disposition to encroach was on the part of the counting-room, which, in its efforts to keep up with the constantly-increasing business, spread itself about the building indiscriminately. This was a necessity, however, which was endured in a very kindly manner by all concerned, for it was stiffening up the sinews and sending the currents of life once more through the whole body of THE TRIBUNE as they used to run. It was not long before THE TRIBUNE began to resemble its old self, and even grew stouter and larger during its convalescence. Meanwhile, a new and more elegant structure than the one which had been burned began to rise on the old site. Stone by stone the walls grew, higher and stronger than before. The eight-cylinders went off to New York for a surgical operation, and came back again perfectly healed and as good as new. The engine and boilers went through the fiery furnace and came out unscathed. One year from the date of removal, the employes of THE TRIBUNE, with the exception of the counting-room, bade a joyful good-bye to Canal street, and retook possession of their old quarters, and on the night of the 9th of October, 1872, the same old press which had so suddenly stopped working on the night of the 8th of October, 1871, once more resumed operations, and its familiar clatter had a cheery sound, all the more pleasant after the long silence, and noisier than ever, as there was no other sound to deaden it, in the empty streets around. The counting-room remained on Canal street, as the new quarters were not in readiness for it. This morning, however, it will take possession of the old corner in more elegant shape than before. The old safe which went through the fire unharmed will go back to its former place in the old vault, there to remain undisturbed, as it is fondly hoped, for several generations to come. Having all its forces under one roof again, THE TRIBUNE proposes to stay and will be "at home" to all comers, as usual. Housed once more in its own building, comfortably situated in all respects, having a clear conscience, and being under no obligations of any sort, except to furnish its readers with a first-class newspaper, tied down to no man or set of men, and independent of all politicians, it sets all sails to the favoring breezes of the coming years. It proposes to furnish in the future, as it has in the past, a paper which shall not only present a complete relief of the news of each day, accompanied by candid and fearless comment, but also the best medium of communication between every department of business and its patrons. It is only necessary to add that, "thankful for the patronage of the past, we are now prepared to resume business at the old stand."

WELLS—BUTLER.

We print the letter of Mr. David A. Wells, heretofore referred to in our columns, in reply to some rather loose statements made by General Butler on the subject of Protection. Mr. Butler disclaims any approval of Protection as such, but favors "incidental aid" to such manufacturers as may not be able to carry on their business successfully otherwise. The furnishing of "incidental aid" by the levy of a tariff is so much like Protection that an ordinary reader may fail to understand the difference. Mr. Butler saw this difficulty, and therefore selected two articles to illustrate the beneficent results of "incidental aid" as distinguished from protective duties. These articles are shoe-lastings and bunting.

The article of shoe-lasting is one of the chief materials entering into the manufacture of women's shoes. The manufacture of these shoes is the greatest single manufacturing interest in the United States. Lasting is manufactured in Great Britain, France, Belgium, and in other countries. It is made of wool, and is produced in almost any place where woollen goods are manufactured. It was not made in the United States until within a few years, when the tariff was amended by the imposition of a tax of 30 per cent on lastings; this tax being laid to enable one establishment, which had recently been started, to do business at a profit. Opposed to this tax was the capital and labor engaged in the manufacture of shoes. It was a tax upon the raw material of shoes. It increased the cost of producing shoes, reduced their sale, and added nothing either to the wages of the mechanic or profit of the manufacturer. Opposed to it also were the ten or fifteen millions of women and girls in the United States who had to pay for these shoes. It was an arbitrary addition to their price without any addition to their quality. The whole world was offering us lasting or serge at prices profitable to the producers, and which enabled us to produce shoes at prices which gave us command of the shoe markets of the world. With this lasting our shoemakers not only made all the shoes for this country, but exported their products to foreign countries. The increase of the tax to 80 per cent had the effect of so increasing the cost of producing American-made shoes that we have lost all the export trade, and the home trade has fallen off largely, because of the decrease in consumption incident to the increase of price. One would naturally incline to the opinion that if the object was to afford "incidental aid" to home manufactures, and at the same time furnish the people with cheap shoes, the repeal of all tax on lastings would be the true measure. The manufacture of shoes was as old as the Government; our shoemakers had a world-wide fame, and a trade which extended to all countries. They asked no protection; they were able to sell their goods in any market alongside those of other countries; but this act of Congress, designed to aid a single company, added so largely to the cost of producing shoes, that the production *per capita*, in 1871, is not equal to that of 1860.

General Butler justifies this proceeding by asserting that the price of lastings has been reduced in consequence of this tax; and to this assertion of fact Mr. Wells directs attention. He shows that the price of American lastings is regulated by the producers, and in the main follows the price of the imported article, and to the cost of the latter is added the tax of 80 per cent in gold. The duty on lastings in 1860 was 19 per cent, and the price of the imported article was 67¼ cents, gold, per yard. Since 1860, the price in Europe has fallen 10 per cent, but the present price of the same article in the United States is $1 per yard. This tax is levied to enable a single company to sell their goods at a profit; and for this purpose the shoemakers and the whole people are taxed.

The other article selected by General Butler is bunting, upon which, through his efforts, the tax has been increased to 120 per cent. This tax on bunting, General Butler asserts, has had the effect of reducing the cost of the article in this country; but Mr. Wells, with the inexorable cruelty of facts, disproves this assertion. Bunting costs more now in Europe than it did at any time during the war; but even now it can be sold, free of duty in the United States, for 15 cents a yard, currency; while General Butler's mill, under the tax of 120 per cent, is able to command 31 cents per yard for the same article. Without the tax which yields no revenue, bunting could be sold for one-half the present price. General Butler disapproves of Protection, and favors a tariff for revenue; but he couples with this his idea of affording "incidental aid" to certain manufactures. Every vessel that floats upon the ocean and upon the lakes, and bears the American flag, carries at its mast-head the striking illustration of our tariff, that even the National flag, before it can be unfurled, must pay a special tax of 120 per cent to Ben. Butler's mill.

GRANT AND CAMERON.

The most creditable act of President Grant's administration, for which his late political opponents will not hesitate to give him due credit, is his rebuff to the Cameron-Hartranft Ring, in the matter of the Philadelphia Post Office. This is the second rebuff Mr. Cameron has received, the first being when he demanded that the heads of Forney, Curtin, and others who opposed Hartranft in Pennsylvania, should be given him in a charger. The President is right in assuming, as he does, that he was in no way indebted to the Cameron-Hartranft crowd for his success at the polls in Pennsylvania. On the contrary, the load of their iniquities, which he voluntarily assumed two years ago, was the heaviest burden he had to carry. Had Hartranft run in any other than a Presidential year, he would have been beaten by forty thousand majority. It is still doubtful whether the frauds which are being unearthed by the Municipal Reform Association in Philadelphia will not prove that Hartranft was really defeated by the honest vote of the State. The Philadelphia *Press* insists that the evidence will show that, instead of the 15,000 majority reported for Hartranft in Philadelphia, that city was actually carried by Buckalew. From one end of the State to the other, Simon Cameron, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, was referred to as Grant's evil genius, the adviser under whose counsels reform of any kind would always be impossible. It is with profound and unexpected gratification, therefore, that the country observes a substantial rebuff given to that man and his kind. The President's resolution to promote the Deputy Postmaster in Philadelphia to the Postmastership, and the Deputy Surveyor of the Port of New York to the Surveyorship, in accordance with the rules of the Civil Service, instead of allowing the Cameron clique to appoint the former and the Murphy clique the latter, throws a bomb-shell into the ranks of the political traders, and carries consternation and dismay to thousands of those who thought they had "got a big thing." "Is this," they demand, "the prize for which we have been fighting? If so, we might as well have voted for Greeley. Had he been chosen, we would have had nothing to say, and now we have nothing to say!"

Had President Grant acted upon this rule heretofore, and especially for two years past, a very different set of men would have been his influential supporters, and the Cincinnati Convention would never have been held. He will find himself as cordially sustained in his present action, if it becomes a rule of his future conduct, by all the leaders of the Civil Service Reform movement, as he has been opposed by them while pursuing an opposite policy.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TELEGRAPH.

Washington advices agree that there will be another effort, this winter, more vigorous than any previous one, to invest the Government with the telegraph business of this country; that the Postmaster General will reiterate his recommendations of the project in his forthcoming report; and there is an impression that the President will favor it in his message. The public objections to this scheme are so numerous and grave that they cannot be repeated too often.

1. The purchase of the telegraph lines by the Government would establish a precedent for further centralization of power that would be without limit. The same specious arguments that suggest it would be brought forward in due time to warrant Government control of the railroads, the express business, the steamboats, the stages, and all other common carriers. This has been the case in Prussia and some other European countries where the first step has been taken. It would be impossible to foretell where the Government assumption of private business would end, short of national bankruptcy.

2. The Government cannot accomplish the results which are promised in this matter. It is simply impossible, with our complicated, heterogeneous, and corrupt Civil Service system, to transact, promptly and accurately, the telegraph business over the enormous area of our territory. The difficulties that the Government still encounters in the working of the slower machinery of the mails, is a sufficient warning that it would be utterly incompetent to manage the more delicate and exacting business of telegraphing.

3. The Government would not hold itself responsible for any damage to private interests resulting from the tardy or inaccurate administration of the telegraph. It rests with the Government to fix its own accountability in all cases, and the circumstance that it now refuses to be responsible for the loss or wrong delivery of letters, or even of postal money orders, is a clear indication that it would not assume any liability for damages in the more serious mistakes that could result from telegraph errors. Government monopoly of the telegraph would then present to the public this condition of affairs: A very large increase of the delays, errors, and damages, and an arbitrary withdrawal of every means of indemnification for loss. The commercial public will scarcely contemplate with rapture any such state of things as that.

4. The Government espionage that would thus be exercised over all private business, and all political messages that should be entrusted to the telegraph, would become a serious menace to personal freedom, and enable any Government official to become a successful speculator or blackmailer on the knowledge of other men's business. So long as the telegraph remains in the hands of private persons or corporations, responsible in law for the acts of their servants, no general or serious harm can follow the possession of this knowledge. Any use made of it by the operators or agents of private corporations, whether for the purpose of revealing it to the public or for private benefit, would be fatal to their own reputation and business. Their employes understand that good faith in this matter is a condition of their retention, while Government employes would equally understand that their places depended mainly upon political influence, of which this espionage would become a part.

5. The increase in the official patronage of the Government would, of course, be one of the greatest evils of the proposed system. Not less than 30,000 of new offices would be created. Probably this is the reason why Mr. Chorpenning Creswell is so anxious to put it through.

6. By controlling the telegraph, the Government would virtually control the press of the country. It could mould news to suit its own purposes; it could punish obnoxious journals in a thousand ways where there would be no redress. In short, it could possess itself of the only medium of public opinion.

While these arguments against the Government purchase of the telegraph lines will suggest themselves as potent against the scheme, the advantages that are claimed for it will likewise be found to be impracticable and visionary. It is not true that the cost of telegraphing would be *reduced*; it would simply be transferred to the tax-payers. To carry messages at the proposed rates it would be necessary to put up at once three times the number of telegraph wires that are now in use. They would cost money, and cost the Government more money than individuals or private corporations. The expense of managing the increased number of lines would be proportionately increased, and this increased expense would fall largely upon people who never use the telegraph. It is needless to enlarge upon the injustice of such a proceeding. The Government can, in no way, be more enterprising than private capital. New telegraph companies are organizing, and new lines building all the time. Competition will bring the charges for telegraphing down to the lowest figure at which the service can be afforded. That is low enough; and when that point is reached, there will be no robbing of Peter to pay Paul,—no taxing of one portion of the community to furnish cheap telegraphing to another.

The budget recently submitted by Herr Camphausen, the Finance Minister of the Prussian Empire, shows an increase of the revenues and a restriction in the outlay of the year 1871, which left a surplus of 9,000,000 thalers in the Treasury, while all sums placed to the credit of the Government in 1872 remains untouched, with the exception of 1,000,000 thalers appropriated for improvement in the marine service. Yet more than 12,000,000 thalers had, meanwhile been paid out for the construction of railways. The revenue of the Treasury for 1873 is estimated at 1,500,000 thalers, or 1,200,000 higher than the previous budget. The gross increase of revenue in all departments is estimated at 14,118,786 thalers, and the increased expenditure at 8,413,553 thalers, being an available surplus of 6,405,232 thalers. Much of this is traced to an increase in the product of the indirect taxes, and particularly in stamps. In direct taxes there has been an augmentation of 931,000 thalers, including 435,000 thalers income tax, or a sum corresponding to the increase of 15,000,000 income. The railway tax has been raised 426,500 thalers, while the tax on trades and occupations has been increased only 96,000 thalers. Many improvements of administration are promised for the increase, which seems to be a result of the increase of dominion rather than an augmentation of taxes on individuals.

It will be remembered that some time in May the revised Constitution of Switzerland was submitted to the people of that country and rejected by them. Since that time, however, popular opinion must have undergone a remarkable change, as, in the recent election for the National Council, the revisionists have won a brilliant victory. The result will be, of course, that the Council will once more propose a revised Constitution to the people, so that a speedy revision of the Swiss Constitution may be expected. The principal purpose of the revision is to still further nationalize the army, and to consolidate the Cantons more closely together under a homogeneous system of national law.

ILLINOIS.

Official Returns from All Counties.

Counties.	1868. PRESIDENT. Seym'r.	1868. PRESIDENT. Grant.	1872. PRESIDENT. Gree'y.	1872. PRESIDENT. Grant.	1872. GOVERNOR. Dix.	1872. GOVERNOR. Rice.
Adams	5,471	4,774	5,171	4,843	5,320	4,971
Alexander	1,668	629	1,606	1,000	1,233	1,000
Bond	773	1,158	911	1,249	1,008	1,250
Boone	1,000	1,050	926	1,203	963	1,058
Brown	1,150	800	1,223	813	1,207	1,050
Bureau	3,315	5,844	3,520	3,333	3,527	4,209
Calhoun	702	580	680	597	685	1,035
Carroll	2,000	3,392	614	3,503	668	3,446
Cass	1,403	1,077	1,154	1,147	1,223	1,127
Champaign	2,000	3,250	2,775	3,259	2,878	3,259
Christian	2,265	2,017	2,623	2,340	2,729	2,221
Clark	1,990	1,548	1,718	1,713	1,797	1,705
Clay	1,894	1,204	1,908	1,268	1,978	1,268
Clinton	1,870	1,530	1,749	1,319	1,877	1,349
Coles	3,247	3,068	3,411	2,847	3,469	3,045
Cook	19,104	27,627	19,027	31,510	20,905	28,609
Crawford	1,477	1,156	1,093	1,156	1,145	1,172
Cumberland	1,344	1,097	1,154	1,108	1,225	1,115
DeKalb	2,650	3,441	607	3,969	770	3,943
De Witt	1,340	1,893	1,505	1,794	1,573	1,794
Douglas	1,182	1,396	1,122	1,397	1,201	1,403
DuPage	2,400	2,997	2,697	3,000	2,809	3,000
Edgar	2,350	2,256	2,100	2,264	2,217	2,269
Edwards	421	998	411	971	411	1,000
Effingham	1,474	1,251	1,415	1,310	1,414	1,307
Fayette	2,259	1,711	2,711	1,797	1,925	1,725
Ford	1,308	921	1,296	1,000	1,305	1,000
Franklin	1,191	1,491	1,070	903	1,140	1,000
Fulton	4,119	5,550	3,704	5,502	3,982	5,511
Gallatin	1,025	704	1,197	1,000	1,000	1,000
Greene	2,000	2,000	2,197	1,971	2,266	1,959
Grundy	1,006	1,963	717	1,591	750	1,581
Hamilton	1,000	1,000	1,139	973	1,000	1,000
Hancock	2,987	3,000	2,329	3,141	2,504	3,000
Hardin	400	342	443	327	467	329
Henderson	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Henry	3,837	4,753	4,690	3,654	4,679	3,673
Iroquois	1,235	2,764	1,781	3,083	1,518	3,006
Jackson	1,840	1,000	1,840	1,000	1,887	1,000
Jasper	1,134	971	1,067	917	1,111	1,000
Jefferson	1,300	1,116	1,703	1,241	1,799	1,240
Jersey	1,540	1,000	1,554	1,000	1,122	1,000
Jo Daviess	3,982	4,986	3,903	5,702	4,114	5,559
Johnson	1,613	1,204	1,555	1,146	1,554	1,154
Kane	3,852	5,067	3,854	6,697	4,178	5,610
Kankakee	997	2,040	998	2,591	978	2,562
Kendall	1,358	1,956	359	1,613	359	1,613
Knox	3,540	5,116	3,654	5,218	3,961	5,222
Lake	1,990	2,545	603	2,944	677	2,954
La Salle	5,439	6,231	5,956	5,046	4,251	5,009
Lawrence	1,178	1,175	1,110	1,175	1,164	1,175
Lee	1,543	2,068	1,350	2,722	1,274	2,697
Livingston	2,125	3,449	1,888	3,110	2,052	3,153
Logan	2,448	2,448	2,448	2,448	2,448	2,448
Macon	3,268	3,771	3,268	3,781	3,441	3,724
Macoupin	3,431	3,153	2,939	3,025	2,969	3,054
Madison	6,258	6,258	6,258	6,258	6,258	6,258
Marion	3,150	2,188	3,261	2,009	3,273	2,033
Marshall	1,523	1,804	1,584	1,808	1,541	1,804
Mason	1,000	1,000	1,584	1,000	1,679	1,000
Massac	614	603	603	617	714	1,004
McDonough	2,721	2,000	2,460	2,797	2,714	2,802
McHenry	1,990	3,257	1,855	3,951	2,104	3,951
McLean	3,853	5,086	4,330	5,345	4,453	5,342
Menard	1,208	1,000	1,149	1,000	1,000	1,000
Mercer	1,998	2,976	1,049	1,994	1,172	1,990
Monroe	1,245	998	1,263	999	1,266	1,014
Montgomery	2,720	2,175	2,720	2,210	2,720	2,210
Morgan	2,773	3,063	2,442	2,756	2,564	2,778
Moultrie	1,146	807	1,177	905	1,203	1,002
Ogle	1,607	3,207	1,577	3,503	1,747	3,498
Peoria	4,202	4,219	3,963	3,659	4,040	3,729
Perry	903	1,881	1,033	1,439	1,152	1,427
Piatt	1,000	1,265	1,000	1,265	1,049	1,265
Pike	3,319	2,773	2,928	2,594	2,922	2,688
Pope	898	1,151	899	1,186	913	1,176
Pulaski	584	594	810	913	713	1,047
Putnam	497	763	510	803	398	824
Randolph	1,977	1,943	1,861	1,990	1,989	1,983
Richland	1,238	1,237	1,345	1,197	1,359	1,211
Rock Island	1,913	3,885	1,827	3,906	1,903	3,981
Saline	1,143	1,042	1,046	1,107	1,039	1,111
Sangamon	4,675	5,411	4,965	5,264	5,018	5,264
Schuyler	1,726	1,211	1,877	1,430	1,879	1,426
Scott	1,127	1,135	1,079	991	1,120	977
Shelby	1,907	2,803	1,894	1,707	1,891	1,691
Stark	705	1,204	956	1,215	988	1,217
St. Clair	8,969	4,814	4,160	4,217	4,470	3,918
Stephenson	3,232	4,138	3,290	4,307	3,458	4,307
Tazewell	2,736	2,726	2,950	2,399	2,178	2,346
Union	1,676	1,676	1,720	1,700	1,761	1,700
Vermilion	3,386	5,707	3,374	5,707	3,514	5,619
Wabash	631	784	699	797	806	794
Warren	1,814	2,533	1,611	2,494	1,618	2,494
Washington	1,263	1,961	1,240	1,742	1,318	1,606
Wayne	1,561	1,535	1,684	1,634

ment was a candidate for Congress in Jersey, and ran ahead of his ticket. He got votes; O'Conor, 82.

—The North Carolina Legislature meets today; the West Virginia Legislature to-morrow.

—The Massachusetts Legislature, which met to-morrow for the relief or Boston, is the body which sat last winter.

—Governor Booth, of California, is urged to convene the Legislature of that State for some special purposes, prominent among which are the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad interest.

—It has been decided that the Indiana Legislature will re-elect Senator Morton, on the ballot and have done with it. Delays are thought to be dangerous.

—The Pittsburgh *Gazette* says:

We would not be surprised if either George Stuart, of Philadelphia, or Felix R. Brunot, of Allegheny county, would be the new Secretary of the Interior.

—Anthony, of the Leavenworth *Times*, says:

Pomeroy is almost certain of a re-election next January, and Senator Caldwell and his friends will support him. Without his help Caldwell will surely be expelled from the Senate.

—In the next Michigan Senate there will be but one Democrat, and in the House but four.—*Rochester Chronicle.*

Please don't mention it; the five gentlemen already feel as bad as they can.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—John P. Irish, of the Iowa City *Press*, Liberal candidate for Congress, lost the vote of the man who scratched Henry Wilson, instead of James Wilson, on the Republican ticket.

—O'Connor carries two counties in Iowa to Greeley—Sac and Greene. His vote in the State will probably be 2,500.

—A Washington telegram says:

The fact that Mr. Washburne has long been on the grant for Senatorial honors is no secret, at least among his friends. As might be expected, he will now whatever support the President is able to give to Mr. Washburne's competitor will be Governor Dyer, but it is understood he will yield to Washburne if the latter wants the place.

—The Illinois Legislature meets at noon Wednesday, Jan. 8. The new Governor will be inaugurated on the 12th.

—The closest District in the United States appears to be the Fourteenth New York, which elects a Liberal to Congress by 12 majority.

—The Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention has decided, almost unanimously, that powers are not limited by the act of the Legislature calling it. The same issue was made in the Illinois Convention, and with precisely the same result.

—The Conkling organs in New York are busy forestalling public opinion in favor of Alonzo Cornell for Speaker of the next Assembly. Others named are Henry R. Pierson, of Albany; Daniel G. Fort, of Oswego; Franklin A. Alleger, of Erie; and L. Bradford Prince, of Queens.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Correction.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Your issue of this morning states the loss by burning of one car shop at Detroit last evening, to be $110,000. This is erroneous. The loss cannot be over $15,000, and may not exceed $10,000. But little machinery was destroyed, and that not of a valuable character, as the cars.

H. E. SARGENT, Gen. Sup't.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12, 1872.

Michigan Central and the Boston Fire.

From the Chicago Railway Review, Nov. 11.

In the special despatches from New York which appeared in some of the Chicago papers of Monday last, the opinion is reported as "general" that all railway stocks would decline materially, as one of the immediate consequences of the Boston fire. After enumerating several especially endangered, the despatch goes on to say:

Michigan Central would, it was thought, be removed from the market, three-fourths of the stock being in Boston.

The forecast in regard to Michigan Central is a pretty good instance of the results reached when one goes to work to develop facts out of the depth of his own conscious ignorance. It is assumed that Michigan Central is held mainly in Boston; while just the contrary is true, the majority of that stock being held outside of Boston. More than any other Western stock—not excepting Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, it is owned in New England at large; and that by a few capitalists who rather than might have held it in large amounts,—but in small amounts by persons of moderate though independent means, attracted to it as a safe and generally paying investment.

The quotations of Michigan Central stock on the New York Exchange since the fire are sufficiently conclusive. On Monday, it is true, it fell from 114 on Saturday to 110; but it at once resumed its accustomed figure of 114@ 115, at which it is now regularly reported; does it appear that there were any considerable sales at the lower figure,—which there certainly would have been had it been freely offered. The temporary fall was shared with Michigan Central by the other leading railroad investments as speculative. New York Central fell from 96 to 93; Erie, from 50¾ to 48¾; Harlem, from 132 to 112; Northwestern, preferred, from 86 to 85; Rock Island, from 109 to 106¾; Pittsburg & Jersey Central, from 108 to 100; St. Paul, from 35½ to 32; Wabash from 71¾ to 67¾; Western Union from 94 to 92¾; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy from 135 to 132; Lake Shore & Michigan Southern from 91 to 88; and Union Pacific, from 36½ to 33¾, and bonds from 88 to 86½.

For the benefit of such of our New England readers as hold Michigan Central, we take pleasure in referring to the very satisfactory condition of the business of the Michigan Central Road and the facts (which are official) will be especially acceptable, inasmuch as the Company do not now publish stated reports of earnings.

October earnings were:

Main line	$841,[illegible]
Increase over Oct., '71	[illegible]
Main line and branches	1,[illegible]
Increase over Oct., '71	[illegible]

As compared with the earnings of any previous month in the history of the road, the line earnings for October, '72, show an increase of $105,000, and this increase was over that of the previous month, September, '72. The four previous instances have been the monthly earnings of the road reached $500,000.

We should think, under these circumstances relating to the ownership of the stock and the earnings of the road, that it would require something more, and something quite different from the Boston fire to cause the stock to be "swept from the market," and the prospects of the Company to be "hopelessly ruined." Certainly those, if any, who bought Michigan Central at any figure below 114, or even at figure (for the transactions are merely nominal) are to be congratulated on so legitimate and profitable an investment of their spare means.

DR. RAUCH.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: While I do not propose to go into the elaborate defence of Dr. John H. Rauch against the elaborate attack on him in a morning paper of this city, I think proper to say that the attack is as absurdly, in so far as it claims that the Sanitary Superintendent should be himself a practical chemist and assayist, and should himself make all assays of which he proposes to make use.

A man of practical ability, who can save himself of the labors of others in serving the public interests, is better adapted to Dr. Rauch's position than would be the most able technical scientist in any special branch of sanitary or medical learning.

Without venturing to decide on the claims, positive or comparative, of any of the professional gentlemen mentioned in that article, with the intent to disparage Dr. Rauch, I do not hesitate to say that all said in their favor may be admitted, without its being proven that some of them would make a better custodian of public health than the officer so virulently attacked.

J. R.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11, 1872.

The Code Duello in Macon.

Macon puts herself in line on the duelling question with an affair of honor between two bearded wood-haulers. They had quarrelled before, one of them had threatened to thrash the other the first time he caught him outside of the city limits. They met outside of the city on Friday, each driving a team. With one accord they alighted and dismounted, one of them drawing a pistol. The other, not relishing powder, moved a rock to substitute the fist and skull. No. 1 insisted on the code, and No. 2, seeing no chance to get out of the issue honorably, whipped out his pistol and put in the first shot, striking his antagonist in the center of the chin. The ball shivered the jaw-bone, passed around the left jawbone and lodged under the skin. The wounded man fired two shots in return, without effect. The reluctant but quick duellist fired a second shot, but without other effect. Honor was satisfied, and the combatants are doubtless happy.

QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

How the Former Outweighs the Latter.

The Amount Not of So Much Account As the Spirit of Giving.

Sermon by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, preached in the Unity Church, yesterday morning, to a very large congregation. He took as his text, "For all they did cast in of their abundance: but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."—*Mark* xii, 44, and said:

THE SERMON.

The contrast is between quality of service and quantity. The woman had very little in amount to give; but she gave it in such a way, with such a spirit,—giving, indeed, her life, her all,—giving, as God himself gives, that the gift is infinite,—it becomes almost divine. To the same contrast the Savior called attention when the harlot from the street, in her repentant tears, anointed His feet and wiped them with her hair, for He said there just what He says in the text: He spoke in His strongest expression of praise and promise. His own church, however, has not been more mindful of His praise or promise than were the Pharisees, whose abundance of service he always condemned. In the Roman Catholic Church, the ritual on great occasions is so voluminous—so full,—that, unless the chair at one end of the cardinal sings one set of prayers and praises, a priest at the other end sings another, the elaborated service cannot be got through with at all; it is time for another to begin. It is forgotten, in such cases, that to the great body of worshippers the language of both choir and priest, who are supposed to be lifting up their hearts and petitions, is unintelligible. And when one remembers the old Presbyterian service, of which Christopher North said, "It consisted of three sermons,—two addressed to God in extemporaneous language, and a third written out for the reader to read to the congregation,"—one feels that the effort to make up by quantity of prayer, what it may teach in closeness of appeal, is by no means a distinction of the Church of Rome. The contrast is as evident to-day as it ever was—the contrast of quality against quantity—and it *is not* to be impressed merely by the ridicule of the long bits of ritual, which, because long, were rightly called Pharisaical. It is not merely church ritual. Long epitaphs in Westminster Abbey, or a congressional document of two or three hundred pages of eulogy when a Representative dies, or a new edition of one hundred and twenty volumes of sermons of old English divines, which no man shall ever read again, or the much speaking of a week of philanthropic anniversaries, when, from a sultry Sunday round to a more sultry Saturday, the weary air vibrates hour after hour to every form of eloquence, from the most radical to the most classical,—of feminine or of masculine persuasion. All these exhibit the absurdity of the system which would make up in quantity for its defects in substance. They say, "It occupies the time," which would seem to be, in the view of some, the great object of human life. But its absurdity does not seem to repel the hungry race of men—starved orphans in the wilds of sin—such husks of famine still asking pitifully for more. There is now, as there was in the Gospel day, something better than all this; and the true philosophy, which is the true Christianity, employs itself in tracing out the real thing in its internal work, and does not wait to ridicule the noisy shadow. Let the system go; it has its use; but as Jesus said over and over again, so pitilessly—"They have their reward." It is the reward of failure, and the forgetfulness of failure. The world seeks, and will have, just what God seeks, and will have quality, not quantity, in its religious expression and endeavor. And when the Divine quality really appears,—when the true flame is kindled in the midst of all this rust,—the world knows it as God knows it. It knows it because God knows it. The worship of perfect quality lifts up hearts which were dead, and renews lives which were discouraged. One breath of it sweeping across the dead incense cloud of the Pharisee's wordy worship is like a puff of east wind from the lake on a sultry day in summer.

There is the Lord's Prayer, for instance, at the beginning of the Gospel of St. Matthew. People will write treatises about it; a dozen are published every year; but even the treatises cannot make it heavy, or any better; it simply stands crystal-clear, not tarnished, not to be tarnished by the incense smoke of ages. I happened to be, twelve years ago this autumn, in the Catholic Cathedral at Mayence, during the afternoon service, and heard this prayer repeated in an arrangement which that Church knows as a *triginta*, or thirty. The word means that the same prayer is repeated thirty times, by priest and people, in the same service. In point of fact, as I learned from a little book which explained the service, it is repeated forty-five times in the course of an hour. I stood as near to the officiating priest as I am to the person nearest me now. The expression of his face stands out to me, to this day, among the most terrible expressions I have ever seen of intense agony of spirit. The gentle confidence of a child telling his father the whole was not there; it could not be there. Children do not talk to their fathers unless they are compelled to by such authority as bound him. So, as he fell back, again and again, on his "Our Father, who artin Heaven," and "Hail, Mary," every time, the resolved closing of the brows together, which said: "This time the prayer shall mean the whole, and I will not be cheated out of the simple joy of resting in His arms." But, of course, there is nothing so unnatural as the studied determination to be natural, and with every one of the eight-and-thirty rebounds, the poor man's face showed as well the disappointment of a formal ritual, which, where it might have had perfect quality, tried to replace it by the quantity of devotion. Dr. Bellows, in his discriminating view—as accurate as it was eloquent—of the place of Dr. Channing in the universal church says, and as I believe, says truly, that as time passes and the church finds out what it is—what is meant by the words "The Universal Church," the name and work of Channing will be appreciated as they are not appreciated now, and he will be recognized as one of the reformers whose life marks an era in history. I believe this will happen, and because the world shall begin to understand and take to heart the quality of his religious endeavor—more and more indifferent to its methods, its circumstances, its separate appeals, or any other of the details of its operation. In truth, we did not ourselves rightly know what made Channing charming—what, in this staid, conservative, and methodical time, gave him that personal power which made him the leader in a theological revolution till, after his death, we could read his early biography. Then it appeared how, in the struggle and determination of early manhood, he had met with self-forgetfulness, consecrated himself to God's service and no other. Then it appeared how, in eager personal prayer, he had sought God's help and direction—how to that direction he had yielded, and made his life a life of the simplest obedience. Then it appeared that for him theology was practically, simply the knowledge of the present God, and duty the determination to do what at the moment God wanted done. It appeared, in short, that it was not by eloquence or dialectic, not by demonstration or powers of speech that he had controlled and overturned; but because he was in and under the intense and close dominion of the Holy Spirit and knew no ways. Well, my friends, you and I have grown up in the period of his old age and since his death. I have read tens of sermons written and spoken by men who had, as they supposed, studied Channing, and who had, as they thought, got on his side of it. It appeared that, as he found society, the habit of his preaching was largely on moral and philanthropic subjects. Under his lead, for many years, therefore, the Unitarian pulpit took up ethical discussion as its fit theme. I, myself, knew a man who was, perhaps—he is not living now or I would not say it—the worst-hearted man I ever heard, who said he had studied to the bottom the style of Channing, and could reproduce it on any public occasion. Very likely he could; but all such men, in the endless repetition of their statement to us of the dignity of human nature, never lifted us as he lifted those who heard him. For it was not the thing that he said which helped the world, or in itself inspired it. It was the spirit in which he said it; it was the Divine spirit behind the finite man; it was the quality, not the quantity, of religious endeavor.

Dr. Chalmers, the great Scottish reformer, says substantially the same thing, speaking of philanthropic combinations. Chalmers, you know, was the founder of the Free Church of Scotland, and is to be spoken of as the highest authority in this country in the neglected science of the relief of the poor. He says that, when you have arranged your system of poor relief in any community, so that it is in perfect operation, the visitors knowing their duty and the paupers knowing their place, so that a sick woman draws her medicine, or a sick man his house rent, as regularly as you draw your salaries or your dividends on stocks,—that when this regularity has been attained, the best thing you can do with your system is to knock it in the head, throw the pieces overboard, and begin all over again. I have no doubt he is right. What Dr. Chalmers means is this: that in all this quantity of work, orders for this, audit of that, semi-annual report of both, choice of officers, conflux of tickets, vote of thanks, testimonial of respect, and the rest—that in all this quantity the original quality of spirited or Christian endeavor is in great danger of being overlaid and forgotten. I am sure we have all seen in tragedies and revolutions of the last ten years instance after instance of the substantial truth of this assertion.

When, in 1862, the Government asked for one or two volunteers to teach the freedmen their letters, so that they could read their Bibles, thousands upon thousands of young men and women sprang forward at the call. It was my privilege, at that moment, to examine the qualifications of many of those who applied. The first question asked was: "What salary do you want?" "Salary: I do not want any salary—get me there and give me a roof over my head and rations to eat, and I will ask nothing more." Now the quality of that work such people rendered is going to stand out, distinctive and unmistakable, through the ages. No organization of education, Prussian system, Pestalozzian system, Horace Mann system, or George Peabody system is ever going to compare with that unsystematic determination of the Holy Spirit, for that is infinite in its origin, and definite in its result. Multiply infinity into any human effort and your product is infinity. That product is greater, and it is more enduring, than any products even of the efforts of millions multiplied into any finite motive or purpose however respectable.

In young life I had a friend, who died when we were both young, whose wide-awake, cheerful, unselfish everyday life was all alive with a holy spirit which, on a little thought, you saw was the Holy Spirit. Not that there was anything in him which in the least corresponded with the technical signs of inspiration; he did not speak with tongues; he did not attempt any wonders; he did not prophesy, though he often interpreted, if he had only known it—he did not know it; and he interpreted the eternal wonders in the most upright and informal way. A few years ago, I told two or three stories of the man's life,—how he gave heart to an Irish widow by giving her the privilege of picking up chips in a railroad station under his charge,—stories he did it as he did—with the divine spirit; how he brought a new and deeper life into the home where he boarded; how he civilized and reformed the day laborers on a Georgia railroad which was put under his charge. I told these stories standing in the pulpit, just as I am standing now, and a boy in the church asked me if I would print them with some sketch of the influence and power of that simple life. As it happened, the great moral philosopher Dr. Wayland had asked me to do the same thing, and last year I printed them. The stories were nothing in quantity, but if I could rightly have put them on paper, everything in quality. Do you wonder that wherever that little story of an inspired life goes, the quality of it tells? One day it is an army surgeon on the plains who writes to tell me that that is the religion he is seeking for; one day it is a leader of opinion in California; one day a boy in a dry goods store; one day a poet whose words sweep hither and thither the sensitive hearts of thousands when they are sung from a Presbyterian Sunday school in Troy; from a society of all churches formed in Chattanooga, Tenn., simply to commemorate and repeat that young man's unselfish endeavor; from the Superintendent of Schools in a great Western city eager to impress his life on the public school system; from the boys, just next to beggary, of a Mission School in New York, I have letters from me, asking for more of the incidents which will illustrate the life of an entirely unpretending Christian man, who has no secrets; had, I had almost said, no system; had no idea that he had anything to show or teach the world, simply because I had related two or three little stories of the spirit of his life, and because that spirit was the Holy Spirit—the infinite spirit.

Suppose, instead, I had published I care not how many volumes of explanation of the way in which God comes to man, or man's life is hid in God. Whether in doctrine, whether in analysis, —nay, even in criticism,—of Scripture, suppose I had attempted the theory of inspiration, do you think my theory would ever have found its way into the palaces of the rich, or into the poor tenement houses, or to the desert plains? Would it have been echoed to me from the Sierra Negadas, from the Rocky Mountains, from every State between the Gulf and the St. Lawrence. Not at all. It is because you could not tell the story with any "enlargement," as the Scotch preachers call it; it is because the story tells itself, and neither you nor anybody else unfolds it or improves upon it, that it touches the heart of men in life where circumstances and coloring are just like this. It is an illustration which one can mention of an effect which is in truth repeating itself unnoticed every day. It is the quality, not the quantity, of a lesson which touches the eager heart of a waiting world.

Let us take this for the personal lesson of to-day. All of us, perhaps, are sometimes disgusted with our position. We think, if placed somewhere else, we could have done better. This man listens with delight to Wirt Dexter or Wendel Phillips to say in the depths of his heart "oh! if I only were a public speaker," and that woman grieves because she has not been placed in the position of a Mary Carpenter or a Mary Wells; and that man looks up to the charities of Mr. Lenox or Mr. Astor to say, "Oh! if I were only a millionaire;" and yet another reads of Oberlin or of Madam Guion to say, "Oh! if I only knew his practical success or her rapture of devotion." This is all wrong. Each is not the gigantic temple; it is not the altar in the temple; it is not the gift upon the altar; it is the spirit that sanctifies the gift, altar and temple—quality not quantity. The temple is nothing, the altar is nothing, the gift is nothing; but the psalm that was sung when the gift was laid there, or the spirit of the prayer which said "God help us," is eternal. Have you in some midnight walk looked among a thousand stars above, and, in the rapture of the stillness, said: "I am not alone; He is also here who hung them in their spheres." That moment of companionship may give you strength for a life of duty made sacred now to Him. Can you, in the midst of to-morrow's commonplace, give a new turn to some life to-day very dreamy—new hope to some heart which is to-day heaving? Why, that success is one of God's successes—infinite. In the moment it is wrought, and from that moment, God counts you among His archangels. Can you, because He is, and you are His child, put away this selfish purpose that, with pure love, you may stay and strengthen yonder broken-hearted brother of yours, that his life may turn upward also, and his hope be renewed—why though you make this sacrifice in the depths of penury, as this widow did, you have given all—you give as she gave—the very life; and the life of God's child is the infinite blessing. How many people say that they do not feel sure that they have seen God, or that they have heard of God but know nothing of Him. They have read this tract or that hymn. There are expressions in both which they know God used, but do they catch the full force of what St. John says—"Every one that liveth is born of God and knoweth God." You, my friends, who do not know that you are born of God, or, if you know God, do you know if you ever loved, when you had your babe child in your arms, and you were rocking her the night through, do you know if you loved her? Did you love her with an infinite love that would give your life to save life? "Yes." Then in that perfection of love of your babe you have entered into the infinite life, and from that moment also you are arrayed among the infinite and eternal beings

Steam to Naples.

The Anchor Line steamer Napoli will sail from the company's pier, No. 37 North River, New York, for Genoa, calling at Gibraltar, on Saturday, 23d November. Cabin passage $80 and $90 currency. Apply to Henderson Brothers, 324 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Anderson's European Hotel.

This elegant establishment is now in full running order. This evening (Monday), from 7 to 9, the building will be lighted from top to bottom, and the public is invited to call and take a look at one of the finest houses of the kind in the country.

Banking.

We receive deposits, discount business paper, and transact a regular commercial banking business, at either our South or West Side offices.

LUNT, PRESTON & KEAN.

THE HORSES.

The Epizootic Disappearing, and the Dropsy Not Liable to Prevail.

Opinion of Veterinary Surgeons on the Question of Giving Horses Gentle Exercise.

The best veterinary authorities in the city, such as Drs. Withers, Hofolk, and Bouvett, seem to be of unanimous opinion that the dropsy will not prevail to any great extent in Chicago. They recommend great caution in using horses, selecting only those for labor whose appetites have returned, whose constitutions are strong, and which seem daily improving in general condition. As an offset against defective judgment, they recommend that all horses be very lightly worked, and not exposed to damp weather. They seem to agree that light labor, where the horse seems to improve under it, will but facilitate his restoration to his usual vigor, and enable him the sooner to discharge the mucus from his throat and head. But if the labor he performe seems to weaken him in the least, then he ought either to be stabled or his work be reduced.

Dr. Withers says that exercise, when a horse is convalescing, is medicine; that without it, diseases will be perpetuated and become complicated. Therefore he believes the only question to be, how much exercise do our horses demand. The answer to this, of course, will be that the amount of exercise must be regulated according to the condition of the horse. Some are in such a state that they demand only a walk up and down the barn, while others are actually made frisky by a drive of two miles or more. Now, if owners of horses will use judgment in the amount of exercise given the animals, the effect will be beneficial rather than hurtful. The result of long experience, and the present condition of the horses, sustain this theory. Dropsy has afflicted more animals which have been withheld from labor than those which have been rehamessed and put into their old tracks. It is a disease which follows in the wake of every disease which tends to thin their blood, and can be easily avoided by judicious treatment. Horses must not be exercised too much —neither too little, so that if dropsy shall prevail to any considerable extent, it will either be the natural result of the epizootic in those horses which have weak constitutions, or the result of defective judgment or abuse, in giving convalescing animals too much exercise.

A general circuit of the stables yesterday did not show that the dropsy is on the increase. The general statement made by owners of "puffed-up" animals was, that they were improving, and, indeed, horsemen generally scouted at the opinion of Dr. Branson, as given in yesterday's TRIBUNE, and said that the development of the dropsy among their epizootic patients was nothing more than they had anticipated. They seem much unconcerned about the matter, believing it will only attack those animals which have defective constitutions.

A TRIBUNE reporter yesterday visited some dropsical animals at the South Side Railway barn, and reports that they are improving. One horse died of the disease, and four are yet afflicted. A dropsical horse looks much like the pictures of that animal which school children delight to sketch upon their slates. There is a laughable, yet distressing, disproportion between every part. The legs are without form, and twice their usual size; the body is generally thin and gaunt, while the head is swollen to a round ball. It would excite pity in a heart of stone to see these poor creatures in that condition.

By Wednesday we shall be able to know how far the facts will sustain the theories above given. Dropsy is not a disease which develops like the epizootic; but, unfortunately, being slow, it is generally sure to kill.

DEATH FROM A MAD WOLF.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I send you a little information about the treatment of the horse influenza. It may not now be particularly useful, but it will be to the country. When the disease first appeared, I collected a history of its manifestations, and studied it up, as it would a disease occurring in man. The symptoms and conditions pointed unmistakably to the remedies which I believed would act as prophylactics. When my three horses were attacked with the premonitory symptoms I had administered to them carbolic acid, one-tenth of a grain every six hours, and iodide of potassium, one-tenth of a grain every six hours, giving them in alternation—in their food. This is now the fourteenth day, and my patients are doing well. The slight cough is disappearing, they have had no fever, no staggering from the head, no difficulty of breathing, and have not missed a meal. They were fed on soft, warm food, and kept blanketed and in the stable. I have purchased the same for the horses of my patrons, and with similar good results. Every physician should treat his own horses, and I consider it a humane duty, and not at all undignified, to prescribe for equine patients, and keep them out of the hands of barbarous veterinary quacks.

E. M. HALE, M. D.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16, 1872.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Everything.

Senator J. S. Harris, of Louisiana, is at the Sherman.

Hon. F. M. Palmer, of Des Moines, Iowa, is at the Tremont.

Miss Barns, a teacher in one of our public schools, while riding home in a West Madison street stage, on Saturday evening, had her pocket picked of $50. The thief was a young man.

At the Briggs, yesterday, were: D. J. McCann, Nebraska; G. C. Dean, Omaha; J. R. Houson, Yankton; John Loomis, Rochester, Minn.; Wm. McDermont, Cleveland.

At the Tremont, yesterday, were the following: W. S. Laycock, Sheffield, Eng.; H. M. Porter, Providence; J. E. Wilkinson, Washington, D. C.; J. H. Belcher, New York; John M. Short, S. S. Anstin, Philadelphia.

Prof. A. A. Griffith, the elocutionist, will meet the Christian Union Dramatic Club, this evening, at the West Side rooms, corner Green and Halsted streets. It is desired that a large number, including members and those desirous to become such, shall be in attendance.

The Gardner House register of yesterday contained the following names: A. J. Smith and lady, Minn.; J. D. Laying and Geo. Webb, Pittsburgh; D. C. Caldwell, Columbus, O.; Wm. Myers, Washington, D. C.; S. W. Decker and wife, Monteal.

Grace Church, on Wabash avenue, narrowly escaped destruction by fire yesterday morning. The fire caught from one of the registers and burned a large hole in the floor. It was happily discovered by the janitor, and extinguished before it had obtained a dangerous headway.

Josh Billings has searched in vain throughout the Gardner House for a live specimen with which to illustrate his lecture, to-morrow night, on the "Pensive Cockroach." Any one who can furnish the article will oblige by calling on Henry J. Shaw, Gardner House.

William Dennimn, a boy aged about 15 years, was knocked down at the corner of Maxwell and Union streets, yesterday afternoon, by a blow from a stone in the hands of a young companion named John Beisce. His skull was fractured, but the wound is not considered dangerous. The injured boy resides at No. 550 South Union street.

At the Sherman, the following names were registered yesterday: W. B. Wallis, Salt Lake City; R. McKee, California; O. T. Marston, Hartford; M. Cuthbert, Colorado; R. B. Loomis, Grand Rapids; A. E. F. Kinney and B. Lockwood, Boston; S. G. Quinlin, Jr., St. Louis; J. T. Blair, New Jersey.

The residents of Oakland have arranged a Star Lecture Course for the coming winter. The galaxy of names is quite brilliant, consisting of Edward Everett Hale, Dr. Richard Edwards, President State University; Dr. Daniel Lord, Rev. Wm. H. Milburn, the "Blind Man Eloquent," and Chas. Holland, Esq. The course will be opened by Edward Everett Hale, at the Ninth Presbyterian Church, to-morrow evening at half-past 7 o'clock

Why do not the North Side Railway Company, in their Sunday dummy work, pay some little kindly heed to church hours, especially the close of morning service? No train up at 12 m. may do for week days, but it is barbarous on Sunday, especially as there is no train until 1 p. m., keeping many ladies and children returning from church waiting a full hour before they can take a car for home. The North Side Company can do better than this, even if they put on a train at 1:30 and the next at 2 p. m. It is a needless and grievous enhancement of the troubles of the church-going public, which a single word from President Turner can remove.

The evening Provision Board was organized, and began operations at the Gardner House on Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected: President, W. E. Richardson; First Vice President, C. M. Culbertson; Second Vice President, B. F. Murphey; Treasurer, Chauncey J. Blair; Secretary, John Butcher; Caller, Charles Cyunsalman. The following rules were adopted: "This open Board is admittance free to all. Those wishing to trade must become members by paying $5 initiation fee, to meet at Gardiner House, corner Michigan avenue and Jackson street, at 7½ o'clock p. m., daily, during the packing season." Trade was opened by a sale of 500 tierces lard, seller, December, at 7½ cents.

INSURANCE.

Companies Doing Business in Illinois —Their Assets, and Their Losses in the Boston Fire.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
ILLINOIS, BUREAU OF INSURANCE,
SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 14, 1872.

Hon. C. E. Lippincott, Auditor of Public Accounts:

SIR: Herewith I present to you a statement showing the name of each Fire and Fire-Marine Insurance Company doing business in this State, Nov. 9, 1872; their gross assets, and the amount of reported loss by the conflagration in Boston, Mass., on the 9th and 10th inst. The companies reported as spended, and other information, appear in the column under head of "Remarks." The figures of loss given in the statement are believed to be accurate, at least as near as are the Companies can ascertain at this early date.

Yours, respectfully,
WILLIAM STADDEN,
Superintendent of Insurance.

Name of Company.	Gross Assets.	Amt of re-ported loss.
Ætna, Hartford, Conn.	$4,847,620	$1,500,000
American, Chicago, Ill. (1)	1,088,094	none
Anchor F. & M., St. Louis, Mo.	*127,511	none
American Central, St. Louis, Mo.	241,298	20,000
Aurora F. & M., Cincinnati, Ohio.	120,796	none
Alps, Erie, Pa.	*246,602	20,000
Amazon, Cincinnati, Ohio.	*261,786	10,000
Agricultural, Watertown, N. Y.	776,595	none
Alemannia F., Cleveland, Ohio.	324,628	5,000
Arctic F., New York City (2)	356,984	100,000
Adriatic F., New York City.	*273,250	7,500
Atlantic F. & M., Prov., R. I. (3)	254,716	125,000
Allemannia F., Pittsburgh, Pa. (4)	213,356	none
Artienia, Pittsburgh, Pa.	270,000	none
American F., Philadelphia, Pa.	*1,333,602	300,000
Bay State F., Worcester, Mass. (5)	354,000	200,000
Brewers & Maltsters', N. Y. City (6)	278,099	50,000
Brewers', Milwaukee, Wis. (7)	277,918	50,000
Black River, Watertown, N. Y.	278,439	34,000
Bangor, Bangor, Me.	380,000	60,000
Continental, New York City.	2,056,714	*450,000
Citizens', New York City.	*780,702	250,000
Connecticut F., Hartford, Conn.	594,710	105,000
Citizens', Newark, N. J.	318,150	none
Commercial Union, London, Eng. (8)	*3,372,220	622,800
City F. & M., Newport, Ky. (9)	167,905	none
Detroit F. & M., Detroit, Mich.	361,374	none
Exchange F., New York City.	*395,000	15,000
Eastern, Bangor, Me. (10)	*391,027	183,000
Exchange, Boston, Mass. (11)	276,977	250,000
Farmers', Freeport, Ill. (12)	323,854	none
Farmers' & Manf's F., Hamilton, Ohio.	*138,093	none
Franklin, Wheeling, W. Va.	393,318	none
Farmers' Mutual F., York, Pa. (13)	340,531	5,000
First National F., Worcester, Mass	*164,021	50,000
Faneuil Hall, Boston, Mass. (14)	220,599	not stated
German, Freeport, Ill.	245,122	none
Girard F. & M., Philadelphia, Pa.	600,993	60,000
German Ins. & Savings, Quincy, Ill.	189,018	none
Germania F., New York City (15).	1,102,982	150,000
Globe, Chicago, Ill. (16)	387,200	none
German, Erie, Pa.	271,370	30,000
German-American, New York City	1,143,413	200,000
Glens Falls, Glens Falls, N. Y.	586,189	50,000
Hartford F., Hartford, Conn.	3,942,019	425,000
Home, New York City.	4,393,554	250,000
Howard, New York City.	*681,153	none
Hanover F., New York City.	875,482	250,000
Home, Columbus, Ohio.	*972,752	50,000
Hamburg-Bremen F., Hamburg, Germany.	*492,490	40,000
Hoffman, New York City (17).	314,382	150,000
Humboldt, Newark, N. J. (18).	349,535	none.
Ins. Co. of North America, Philadelphia, Pa. (19).	3,600,000	200,000
International, N. Y. City (20).	872,895	450,000
Imperial, London, England (21).	6,396,400	200,000
Kansas, Leavenworth, Kan.	171,339	none.
Liverpool & London & Globe, Liverpool, England.	9,220,167	1,699,600
Lycoming Fire, Muncy, Pa. (22).	4,155,204	10,000
Lancashire, Manchester, England.	*1,183,817	172,000
Lamar, New York City (23).	200,000	36,000
London Assurance Corporation, London, England.	*4,163,835	200,000
Mercantile, Cleveland, Ohio.	304,577	none.
Michigan State, Adrian, Mich.	262,928	none.
Manufacturers', Boston, Mass., (24).	*1,487,048	not stated.
Mechanics and Traders', New York City.	498,408	25 000
Market, New York City (26).	226,449	21,000
Merchants' Mutual, Newark, N. J.	487,315	none.
Mercantile Mutual, N. Y. City.	*2,333,749	none.
Manhattan F., New York City.	808,842	40,000
Meriden, F., Meriden, Conn. (26)	205,226	30,000
Milwaukee Merchants' Mutual, Milwaukee, Wis. (27).	533,556	none
Mississippi Valley, Memphis, Tenn. (28).	328,474	none
National, Hartford, Conn.	601,514	150,000
North American, Macon, Mo.	107,707	none.
Niagara Fire, New York City.	1,283,036	293,276
Northwestern National, Milwaukee, Wis.	248,265	none
North British & Mercantile, London and Edinburgh, B. G. (29)	5,410,385	900,000
National, Bangor, Me. (30)	*450,141	200,000
National, Boston, Mass. (31)	873,538	not st'd
National F. & M., Troy, N. Y. (32)	330,332	142,000
National F. & M., Philadelphia, Pa. (33)	283,060	20,000
New Orleans Mutual Ins. Association, New Orleans, La.	1,306,055	none
National, Hannibal, Mo. (34)	178,151	none
Orient, Hartford, Conn.	601,462	175,000
Orient Mutual, New York City (35).	*1,936,602	none
Old Dominion, Richmond, Va.	*215,400	none
Phœnix, Hartford, Conn.	*1,908,831	442,000
Phœnix, Brooklyn, N. Y. (36)	*1,737,067	455,000
Pacific Mutual, New York City (37).	*1,063,547	none
Peoples' F., Worcester, Mass. (38).	362,229	700,000
People's, Newark, N. J.	270,186	none
Providence Washington, Providence, R. I.	225,698	75,000
Pennsylvania F., Philadelphia, Pa.	*1,387,554	300,000
Penn F., Philadelphia, Pa. (39).	162,805	none
Queen, Liverpool & London (40).	1,787,340	610,000
Rockford, Rockford, Ill.	312,671	none
Republic, New York City (41).	*362,297	200,000
Royal, Liverpool, Eng.	*3,865,505	1,250,000
St. Nicholas, New York City.	253,303	15,000
State, Hannibal, Mo.	*282,441	12,500
St. Paul F. & M., St. Paul, Minn.	352,620	30,000
Star Fire, New York City (42).	883,802	150,000
Springfield F. & M., Springfield, Mass.	220,963	250,000
St. Joseph F. & M., St. Joseph, Mo.	250,797	none
Sun, Cleveland, O.	300,089	100,000
Standard F., New York City.	434,974	200,000
Tradesmen's F., New York City, (43).	420,381	287,000
Triumph, Cincinnati, O.	*703,669	240,000
Traders', Chicago, Ill. (44).	606,066	50,000
Union, Bangor, Me.	*540,701	250,000
Westchester F., New Rochelle, N. Y.	577,283	200,000
Williamsburg City F., Brooklyn, N. Y. (45).	550,672	210,000

* Assets of date Dec. 31, 1871. Companies not marked with a * assets are of date June 30, 1872, unless otherwise noted.

REMARKS.

(1) Assets include instalment notes on policies issued.
(2) Assessment voted.
(3) Assets March 31, 1872.
(4) Assets March 31, 1872.
(5) Suspended.
(6) Assessment voted.
(7) Assets

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 16.

The week closes upon a quiet though stringent money market. Throughout the week the banks have all refused good paper, which they would have been glad to take if their available surplus would permit. The movement of the hog crop, now just beginning, will undoubtedly relieve the market to some extent in a week or two. In the open market money is scarce, at 1¾ per cent per month, and in some instances 2 per cent is paid. On collaterals, money is offered by brokers at 15 per cent per annum.

New York exchange is firm at 50c to 75c per $1,000 premium for sales between banks.

The clearings of the Chicago banks for the week ending Nov. 16 were:

Date.	Clearings.	Balances
Monday	$2,889,515.23	$270,122.81
Tuesday	3,548,177.38	326,959.26
Wednesday	3,676,643.34	382,360.39
Thursday	3,458,674.57	415,976.09
Friday	3,416,260.74	309,248.10
Saturday	3,536,505.16	334,979.67
Total	$21,495,104.39	$2,026,722.32
Corresponding w'k last year.	18,122,182.54	1,445,326.94

The following quotations of local stocks are furnished by Messrs. Hammond & Watson:

	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	138	...
North National Bank	130	...
Commercial National Bank	140	...
Merchants' National Bank	170	...
German National Bank	128	...
Northwestern National Bank	100	...
Corn Exchange National Bank	115	...
City National Bank	145	...
Home National Bank	...	98
Cook County National Bank	107	110
National Bank of Illinois	109	110
National Bank of Commerce	100	...
Merchants' Saving Loan & Trust Co	...	180
Chicago City Railway	130	132
West Division Railway	...	190
North Division Railway	...	160
Pullman Palace Car	110	112
Elgin Watch Company	106	108
Chamber of Commerce	100	101
Chicago Gas Light & Coke Co	...	100@105
Traders' Insurance Company	101	102

The following letter to the London *Economist* of Nov. 2 seems to be from a German in London, and is valuable for facts and for reference to three important things. First—The legal standard in Germany. Second—The Bank Act in England, and third—the want of banking facilities in Germany:

THE CIRCULATION OF GOLD IN GERMANY.

To the Editor of the Economist:

SIR: Having read your valuable article on the money market of last Saturday, I beg to draw your attention, with regard to German finances, to certain facts perhaps unknown or misunderstood in this country. I quite agree with you that Germany is in possession, as will of the 20,000,000 disappeared from the Paris Bank since 1870, as of the many millions more drained from here; but, according to Parliamentary documents, the military chest, as you call it, holds of it only £1,500,000 sterling more than it always had before 1870 or 1866. The £17,000,000 sterling worth of gold coined already into the new German money are certainly in circulation, or at least as much open to it as any hard cash in the Bank of England; and if we do not yet discover much of it in the hands or pockets of the public in general, it is because since the admission of gold in Germany as a legal standard, with a great chance of soon becoming the sole legal standard, the German banks, private and public, try to keep their spare cash quietly in the new gold coins and to get rid of their silver. The present overwhelming demand for gold is, therefore, not the consequence of German financial mismanagement, but naturally follows out of the adoption of a standard alteration in a country where cheques and Clearing Houses are almost unknown, deposits therefore insignificant, where no central bank as the Bank of England balances hundreds of millions without the use of a single sovereign or bank note. Yet Germany is as thriving a country as any in Europe. But we have to deal, under these circumstances, with a sudden change of a money standard suggested and supported by a colossal ransom to be paid in hard cash within a given time, which will, and must, drain the gold market till either the reconstruction of the whole standard is settled—a question expected to be decided by the next Reichstag—or till a better outlet for silver than at present facilitates the exchange.

"The raising of the discount in this country cannot thwart the purpose of a Government bound to certain changes, and possessed of ample means to do it. On the contrary, the higher the premium the more these means will lead to a command in the market; and although by that process we shall undergo certain temporary ease, we must expect, for a time, sudden fluctuations, and will again be made aware that we labor under a Bank act based more upon a figure than a principle—a figure which, at a time when 10,000,000 of gold were considered a comfortable stock at the Bank, because it allowed a basis of 150 cent uncovered notes, with 20,000,000 or 25,000,000, and claims grown in proportion, limits the issue to 75 or 60 per cent. Were Germany encumbered with the same act, the Prussian Bank, with upward 24,000,000 hard cash, and a circulation of over 40,000,000, would have succumbed already, while the principle that one-third or two-fifths of issued notes, covered in gold, is sufficient for general purposes, allows the Prussian Bank to dispend its bargains at 5 per cent, and still to be considered powerful, without having the benefit of the Prussian Exchequer, overflowing for the present from ordinary sources even. I beg to enclose my card, and remain, sir, your obedient servant, M.

CITY, Oct. 30, 1872.

MATTERS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Money less active in the morning, ranging from 7 to 1-32. A short time before the close of banking hours and after nearly all the bank accounts were presided for, unemployed balances were offered at as low as 3@4 per cent.

Sterling was heavy at 108¾ for 60-day and 110@110¼ for sight.

Gold was quiet and firm at 113⅛@113⅜. Loans were made early in the day flat to 1-64 for use; later, 1-64 to 1 per cent for carrying. Clearings, $61,000,000; Treasury disbursements, $455,000; exports to-day, $640,000; for the week, nearly $5,000,000.

The movements closed firm at about the highest prices of the week.

State bonds dull and steady.

The bank statement is unfavorable. Net loss in reserve $1,450,950. The banks now hold $2,290,625 above the 25 per cent required by law.

Stocks opened dull and weak, but steadily improved in prices from ¼ to 1½ per cent. Erie was the feature, at the close advancing from 50¼ to 52¾. There were also large dealings in Western Union and United States Express, both advancing. Next in point of interest were Lake Shore & St. Paul common. The market closed firm at about the highest figures of the day.

Mr. S. V. White, who was carried down by the decline in stocks on Monday, has been readmitted to membership on the Stock Exchange.

The *Post* says the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company have under consideration the issuing of a consolidated mortgage on their property, instead of floating ten million convertible bonds as recently authorized by the Directors. A change in form of security will only be made on certain conditions, among which are that these bonds will be taken by some of the large holders of the common stock, who are interested in seeing no further increase of that class of the Company's securities.

Sterling, 8¼.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	116½	Coupons, '67	113¾
Coupons, '62	114¾	Coupons, '68	113¾
Coupons, '64	112¾	New 5s	109¾
Coupons, '65	112¾	10-40s	108¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	114¾	Currency 6s	113¾
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	93¾	Virginias, old	45¾
Tennessees, old	74¾	North Carolinas, old	35
Tennessees, new	74¾	North Carolinas, new	21
Virginias, new	51		
STOCKS.			
Canton	39¾	St. Paul pfd	74¾
W. U. Tel	77¾	Wabash	60¾
Quicksilver	45	Wabash pfd	80
Adams Express	94	Fort Wayne	93
Wells Fargo	97¾	Terre Haute	35
American Express	69	Terre Haute pfd	56
United States Ex	76¾	Chicago & Alton	108¾
Pacific Mail	35¾	C. & A. pfd	114
New York Central	93¾	C. & N.	44¾
Erie	52¾	C., C. & C.	88
Erie pfd	71	C., R. & Q.	128
Hudson	113	Lake Shores	86¾
Harlem pfd	125	Indiana Central	37¾
Michigan Central	114¾	Illinois Central	122
Pittsburgh, Ex-div	87¾	Ua. Pacific stocks	34¾
Northwestern	84	U. P. bonds	107
N. W. pfd	85¾	Cen. Pacific bonds	100
Rock Island	108	Del., Lac & W	96¾
St. Paul	100¾	R., R. & Erie	7¾

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 16.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours; and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	4,849	5,462	4,744	3,249
Wheat, bu	84,970	97,970	96,908	22,107
Corn, bu	58,300	147,300	107,663	182,258
Oats, bu	21,468	63,300	29,823	14,746
Rye, bu	1,020	4,572	2,000	1,972
Barley, bu	26,020	13,740	28,877	14,371
Grass seed, lbs	23,021	52,750	64,300	103,476
Flax seed, lbs	30,000	30,000	5,000	...
Broom corn, lbs	9,500	45,000	29,640	31,500
Cured meats, lbs	118,000	...	480,661	309,209
Lard, lbs	...	3,000	275	5,681
Pork, brls	...	...	4,125	264
Lard, lbs	8,190	21,270	226,573	230,223
Tallow, lbs	7,623	43,545	1,000	...
Butter, lbs	53,460	42,000	16,540	44,630
Dressed hogs, No.	22	45	7,549	...
Live hogs, No.	8,511	22,296	1,199	4,068
Cattle, No.	3,009	2,914	160	921
Sheep, No.	1,025	758	...	...
Hides, lbs	25,921	24,830	17,785	93,181
Highwines, brls	210	220	427	471
Wool, lbs	197,471	167,332	285,279	24,969
Potatoes, bu	2,237	1,920	37	...
Lumber, m feet	3,448	4,897	1,748	1,321
Shingles, m	350	2,221	1,554	1,441
Lath, m	85	180	160	90
Salt, brls	2,979	2,160	2,785	2,288

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 300 bu wheat; 5,353 bu corn; 5,623 bu oats; 369 bu rye; 2,809 bu barley. Withdrawn for do during the past week: 3,866 bu wheat; 14,486 bu corn; 16,782 bu oats; 2,560 bu rye; 9,389 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 172 cars wheat; 73 cars, and 4,200 bu corn; 25 cars, and 7,800 bu oats; 6 cars rye; 73 cars barley. Total (349 cars), 145,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock at this port for the week ending with this morning, and for other weeks ending as dated:

	Nov. 16, '72.	Nov. 9, '72.	Nov. 18, '71.
RECEIPTS.			
Flour, brls	29,483	29,883	26,886
Wheat, bu	410,590	466,930	222,345
Corn, bu	298,640	323,475	846,549
Oats, bu	351,280	188,165	249,982
Rye, bu	27,360	26,350	27,900
Barley, bu	182,610	223,910	61,450
Dressed hogs	233	...	71
Live hogs, No	72,900	67,200	102,654
Cattle, No	11,008	15,663	13,023
SHIPMENTS.			
Flour, brls	36,545	37,344	17,499
Wheat, bu	398,991	345,961	146,839
Corn, bu	748,794	1,054,456	777,963
Oats, bu	394,043	180,805	650,549
Rye, bu	22,330	34,268	42,468
Barley, bu	205,654	217,895	72,980
Dressed hogs	...	...	...
Live hogs, No	35,084	37,228	27,566
Cattle, No	6,156	5,725	4,738

The warehouse question is still the topic of conversation on 'Change, though there is not now the fear of present damage to the grain interests of the Northwest, that was so painfully manifest till recently. Grain holders do not now sort out their Munn & Scott receipts every day, for the purpose of getting rid of them before night, as some of them used to do; and, indeed, the practice is now inverted, the holders of those receipts keeping them quietly in their safes, while George Armour & Co. are appealing to have them sent in for indorsement. But there is none the less reason for a full understanding of the present situation, although some of the warehousemen claim that too much has been said about it, and that the matter ought to be allowed to drop quietly, "for the good of the trade." But ordinarily, when a member of a firm has been guilty of a defalcation, and it is found out, the remaining members of the firm find it to be to their interest to prove that they are all right. They cannot afford to shut themselves back upon their personal dignity, and affect to be insulted by the Spanish salutation (*come esta*), "how do *you* stand?" The case is parallel to that of the grain warehousemen of this city, and they ought not to feel it a reflection upon their personal integrity that the holders of their paper want to be sure that the recent revelations opened up all that was wrong and foolish in the warehouse system.

No one who understands the facts in the case can feel other than sorry that Mr. Armour should have been so extensively deceived in pocket by the Munn & Scott matter. And yet, one cannot help regarding it as an instance of poetic justice, when it is remembered that two years ago Mr. Armour (George) was the special advocate of the system under which he suffered so much. He visited Springfield, and there personally opposed the passage of a law imposing any restrictions on the manner in which the warehouse business was conducted. He claimed that it would be an insult to the warehousemen to require them to make statements of their condition, as implying a doubt of their integrity, and urged that the grain trade would suffer if the system were made less elastic. But it is that very elasticity that has wrought all the trouble; and we think that even Mr. Armour himself will admit that the thing was stretched a little too much. The other members of the pool have doubtless come to the same conclusion, are this, and are willing to provide safeguard against a repetition of the wrong, though they have not yet signified their readiness to prove that they will recommence *aright* under the new *regime*. The last is what is wanted, and it must be furnished.

There was some talk to-day about an anticipated reduction in the rates of freight on grain to this city. Such a movement would be a most important one for the farmers, especially if not made, or not extensively taken advantage of, for the few days longer, when, if the weather should be fine, we may expect that our stocks in store will have been run down to a low point. It will probably be impossible to command much higher prices for grain unless we should commence the winter with nearly empty bins, and it is pleasant to see that the shipping movement in corn has not much demand. Hence quotations averaged somewhat higher than on Friday, except on provisions. The shipping movement was rather slow, as is usual on Saturday, and was slightly restricted by a stronger feeling in freights. The condition of the dry goods market was substantially the same as on the preceding days of the week, and the jobbing and the interior demands were of a liberal character, and prices were uniformly firm for all seasonable fabrics. Woollens are tending higher, in consequence of the enhanced cost of the raw material. In the grocery market only slight change was noticeable. All the leading staples and most descriptions of side goods were in good request, and, with a few unimportant exceptions, the quoted prices were firmly adhered to. Refined sugars continue scarce, and prices are still working upward. Coffees are more settled. The butter trade was quiet at about former rates. Shippers were operating to a limited extent only, while the local demand was mainly restricted to supplying immediate wants. Cheese was again quoted dull and weak. The demand, at present, is chiefly in the shape of small orders. Coal was active and higher, anthracite advancing $1.00 per ton, and bituminous varieties 50c per ton, or to $12.00 for Lackawanna, and to $11.00 for Erie. Stocks are reported light for the season, and dealers are firm in their views, at the advance. The fish market was only moderately active, and prices were without noticeable change. Dried fruits were moving more freely, and the general market is working firmer. Hay continues dull and weak. Eastern buyers are virtually out of the market, and as the supply exceeded the wants of the local trade, holders were willing to shade prices. Hides remain quiet and easy, as previously quoted. The inquiry is restricted to small lots to supply immediate wants. The leather market is still unsettled. Oils, paints, tobacco, and wood were quoted quiet and unchanged. The usual amount of business was transacted at the lumber yards to-day, prices remaining unchanged. Common boards quotable at $15.00@16.00, joists, scantling, etc., at $18.00@24.00. Lime, cement, etc., were in fair request at previous prices. Common brick is in moderate demand, and weak, at $11.50 per m. It is estimated that there are 70,000,000 bricks now in the hands of manufacturers. There was a moderate inquiry for sooperage today, pork barrels remaining steady at $1.45@1.50; lard tes at $1.75@1.80; iron, steel, tin, copper, etc., continue to meet with a fair inquiry, and remain without visible change in prices. Salt was quite firm at $2.25 for coarse and fine grades. The demand for hops on both local and small order account was fair; prime hops are higher, now quoted at 25@32c. The wool market is quite firm and prices are tending higher. Many dealers think the large importations of foreign wool and the stringency in money matters will prevent any considerable rise in prices. Seeds were quiet, with clover firm at $5.10@5.15 for prime seed. Timothy was steady at $2.85@2.90 for prime. Flax was quiet at $1.53@1.55. Other seeds were quiet and unchanged. Potatoes are in fair demand and firmer. The receipts for the past few days have been light, the horse disease and danger of freezing having prevented shipments. Choice peachblows are quotable at 50@60c in car lots. The market is very liberally supplied with poultry, and live chickens are nearly unsalable. Dressed poultry was in abundant supply and moderate demand. Game was in very good request and firm at present quotations. Apples continue in excellent demand for home consumption and shipments. Cranberries also met with a very good demand from the interior. Both are quite firm at present prices. Other fruit was in small supply and moderate request.

Highwines were in moderate demand at the reduction quoted yesterday, 250 brls being sold at 89c. New York is reported steady. Our information in regard to the 100 brls sold on Thursday at 89c was slightly faulty. The sale was made, but the seller paid 89½c for the same goods before he could deliver them.

Lake freights were strong at ¼c@⅜c advance, with a fair demand, which was somewhat restricted by the higher views of carriers. Shippers were expecting a large fleet, the advance guard of which arrived to-day. A total of eight charters was reported, which will carry out 150,000 bu wheat, 58,000 bu corn, and 35,000 bu barley, at 9½@10c on corn, and 10¾@11c on wheat, by sail to Buffalo. Wheat was taken to Buffalo by steam at 12c. The market closed strong.

Foreign freight rates are thus quoted: Chicago to Liverpool, 60@61½c per 100 lbs (gold) on beef and pork; 60c@$1.05½ (in lard; 55c on flour. Chicago to Glasgow, 91½c on beef; 93c on pork; 97c on bacon and lard.

Dressed hogs are now offered in small quantities, and are dull. Packers bid 4½@4¾c per lb, and some butchers are paying 4¾@5c. Holders are asked 4¾@5c at the close.

Provisions were very quiet, and again weak, though quoted steady, in sympathy with the feeling in live hogs at the Stock Yards. The only real demand was for lard for future delivery, and holders of all other products were weak, especially on pork and hams. Cut meats were the most steady. Buyers were holding off, and not very much product was offered. The effect of the summer corner in pork is partially shown in the fact that our packing to date has been more than two-thirds of the amount to the same time in 1871, though a portion of the reduction may be ascribed to the mild weather. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, old held at $14.50@15.00; new pork, $13.00@18.50; do seller the month nominal at $13.00; do seller December, $12.20@12.30; do seller January, $12.00@12.12½; do seller February, $12.00@12.20; do seller March, $12.12½@12.17½; do seller April, $12.15@12.25. Lard, cash, 7¼c for new; do seller December, 7¼c do; seller January, 7¼c; do seller February, 7¼c; do seller March, 7¾c. Old salted shoulders, 4¼c; short ribs, 7@7¼c; other descriptions entirely nominal. Sweet pickled hams, 9¼@10¼c, and green hams at 7¾@7¾c for present delivery or seller November; 7¾@7¾c seller December or January. Green shoulders, 3¾@3½c; do rough sides, 5¾@5¾c; do short ribs, 6@6¼c; do short clear, 6¾@6¾c; meats, 15 to 20 days in salt, quotable at 4¾c for shoulders; 6¼@6¾c for short ribs, and 7¼@7¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller December, quoted at 4¾c. English meats, for delivery in December and January, 5¾c for shoulders; 6¾c for Cumberlands; 7¾c for short ribs, or long clear; 6¾@6¾c for short clear; 8¾@8¾c for long cut hams. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $29.50@30.00. City tallow, 8@8½c; grease quotable at 5¼@6½c. Sales were reported of 250 brls new mess at $13.50; 400 brls do at $13.00; 500 brls do, seller March, at $12.12½; 500 brls do, seller April, at $12.25; 500 brls do at $12.18; 500 tcs lard at 7¾c; 500 tcs do, seller December, at 7¼c; 750 tcs do, seller January, at 7¼c; 50 boxes short-ribs at 6¾c; 20,000 lbs long cut hams at 8¾c; 20,000 lbs do at 8½c packed; 3,000 pcs green hams at 7¼c; 20,000 lbs do (average 16 lbs) at 7¼c; 800 brls beef hams on private terms; 100 brls extra mess beef at $10.00.

The following are the returns of packing at the principal points to date:

	1872.	1871.
Chicago	59,780	90,000
Milwaukee	24,369	37,602
Louisville	38,000	42,000
Cincinnati, 47,500; St. Louis, 45,000; Indianapolis, 16,282; Peoria, 8,500; Des Moines, 3,000; Kansas City, 7,000	161,134	...

The following were the receipts and shipments at this point during the past week:

	Received.	Shipped.
Beef, brls	209	2,549
Pork, brls	50	18,160
Lard, lbs	32,440	1,257,115
Meats, lbs	460,240	1,001,134

Flour was quiet, the volume of sales being about the same as on Friday, and prices were unchanged. There was a fair demand for good spring extras, and several orders seemed to be on the market that were not filled. Bran was lower. Sales were reported of 25 brls white winter extras on private terms; 60 brls superfines at $5.00; 200 brls spring extras at $6.00@6.25; 325 brls do (Exposition) at $6.00; 60 brls do at $5.00; 200 brls do at $4.75; 900 brls do on private terms; 25 brls rye (Rock River) at $4.00; 100 brls do at $3.75; 100 brls do on private terms; 100 brls buckwheat at $6.50; 50 brls do on private terms. Total, 1,845 brls. Also, 50 tons bran at $10.00 on track; 10 tons middlings at $11.00 on track.

Wheat was less active, and dull, but steady during the greater part of the session at an average advance of ⅛@1c on yesterday's prices, though not much better than Friday's closing quotations. Receipts were larger, but were exceeded by the reported shipments, and New York was reported firmer, which made holders strong, especially as there was an evident attempt to bull the market, early, in the interest of the long Liverpool cable was understood to be strong, except on winter. The demand for cash wheat was not so great as heretofore, but all the offerings were taken by shippers, as present prospects offer a fair chance of profit, though lake freights were higher to-day. Speculative buying was often slow, but sometimes quite active. Seller December opened at $1.03¾, advanced to $1.04¼, declined to $1.03¾, improved ¼c, and closed at $1.03¾. Seller the month sold at $1.02⅞@1.03¾, and seller January at $1.05@1.06. No. 1 spring was quiet at $1.13¾. No. 2 do closed at $1.03¾. No. 3 do at 92½c; and rejected do at 82@82½c. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.13¾; 26,800 bu No. 2 spring at $1.03¾; 46,800 bu do at $1.03¾; 25,000 bu do at 1.03⅜; 3,600 bu No. 3 spring at 93½; 7,600 bu do at 92½; 13,200 bu do sold at $1.03¾; seller the month sold at 92½c; 800 bu do at 92½c; 800 bu rejected spring at 83c; 4,000 bu do at 82c. Total, 128,000 bu.

Corn was dull and steady at about the same prices as on Friday, with much the same general features. The chief demand was for this month's delivery, including cash lots, which have been bought up rather eagerly, for two or three days past, at full prices offered, the shipments for the past week have been liberal, and reduced our stocks in store to not more than 700,000 bu of all grades—allowing for the admitted discrepancy of a little more than 100,000 bu in the houses of George Armour & Co. Of course, the stock of No. 2 is much less than this; and there are a few on the floor who seemed afraid that the corn is being bought up and shipped out for the purpose of running a corner toward the close of this month. It may be thought that a corner at present prices would be an absurdity. Perhaps so. It is certainly a good thing for the farmers that the corn is being shipped out, and if those gentlemen who are now buying will only keep on till they have reduced the stock by another half million bu, the result cannot but be a price that will enable the farmer to put a few cents into his pocket after paying for the hauling of the grain to the depot. Seller the month opened at 51¾c, advanced ¾c, and closed easier, at 51¾@51½c; seller December sold at 50¾@50½c. Cash No. 2 closed at 51½c, and rejected first at 49@49½c. Cash sales were reported of 3,200 bu No. 2 at 52c; 6,000 bu do at 51½c; 67,800 bu do at 51½c; 10,000 bu do at 51¾c; 1,200 bu rejected at 49½c; 5,200 bu do at 49½c; 2,800 bu do at 49c. Total, 86,200 bu.

Oats were quiet but strong, averaging ⅛c higher. The demand was principally for this month, and the few strictly fresh receipts offered brought 32c, an advance of ¼@¾c, while seller the month was little better than nominal at 21¾c. Seller December brought 22¾@22½c; and seller January 22½@22¾c, all closing firm, under the influence of firmer advices from New York, and light receipts here. Cash sales were reported of 4,800 bu No. 2 at 32c; 8,000 bu do at 21¾c; 600 bu rejected at 19¼c; 3,000 bu do at 19c. Total, 16,400 bu.

Rye was quiet, and strong at 1c advance, the continued small receipts making offerings light, while there was a fair shipping demand. Sales were restricted to 1,200 bu No. 2 at 53c.

Barley was quiet, and declined ¼@1c below the outside figures of yesterday, there being very little demand. No. 2 opened at 61c, advanced to 62@62½c, and closed dull at 61¾@62c. Seller the month sold at 60½@61¾c, closing at 61c. Seller December was quoted at 57@57½c. No. 3 was quiet and relatively steady at 50c. Cash sales were reported of 9,600 bu No. 2 at 62½c; 3,600 bu do at 62c; 1,200 bu do at 61¾c; 5,200 bu do at 61½c; 2,000 bu No. 3 at 51c; 400 bu do at 50½c; 3,200 bu do at 50c; 400 bu do rejected at 48½c; 800 bu do at 36c; 2,800 bu do at 37c; 400 do by sample at 39c; 400 bu do at 75c, both on track; 800 bu do at 73c delivered; 1,000 bu do at 71c; 400 bu do at 70c; 400 bu do at 52c. Total, 38,200 bu.

Seward's *Coal Circular* gives the following table, showing the business of various roads and regions to Nov. 2, 1872, compared with the same time last year:

	1872.	1871.
Reading Railroad	8,626,127	3,259,885
Schuylkill Canal	754,127	909,835
Lehigh Valley Railroad	3,125,262	2,256,465
L. and S. Railroad	2,161,149	1,598,478
D. L. and W. Railroad	3,447,298	1,440,859
Pennsylvania Coal Co	1,032,262	626,281
Delaware and Hudson Co	2,458,996	1,526,746
Shamokin	482,402	547,212
Upper Dauphin	294,244	417,359
Cumberland	1,041,230	1,174,979
Broad Top	257,616	272,292
Total	18,910,945	14,838,024

RAILWAY.

In the afternoon there was a moderate amount of trading on the curbstone. Wheat was strong, closing at $1.04 cash, and $1.04¼@1.04¾ seller December. Corn was firm, closing at 51¾c seller the month, and 51@51¾c seller December. Freights and provisions were inactive.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 16.

ALCOHOL—Was in continued good demand at $1.78 ($1.80 for 94 per cent proof.

BROOM CORN—Continues quiet and unchanged. We quote: $45.00 per ton for common; $75.00 for fair; $80@100 for choice; and $1.10@1.20 for choice hurl.

BEANS—Choice varieties were in moderate request for shipments. We quote: Navies at $2.00@2.25; fair to medium, $1.50@1.75; common, $1.25. We note sales of 33 bags navy at $2.25; 26 sacks do at $2.00; 20 brls medium at $1.75; 100 bu and 5 brls at $1.50.

BUTTER—Very little change was noticeable in the condition of the butter market. Good to choice qualities were inquired for to some extent, both on local and Eastern account, but aside from this there was no considerable demand. Prices were comparatively steady, there being no quotable change in any description, as follows: Strictly choice dairy, 24@26c; medium to good, 18@22c; inferior to common, 8@17c.

BAGGING—Prices of goods in this line were steady and uniform, as follows: Stark, 28c; Ludlow, 25½c; Lawrence, 24c; American, 22c; Otter Creek, 21½c; burlap, by bags, 4 and 5 lbs, 20@21½c; gunnies, single, 18@19c; do, double, 28c; wool sacks, 66@70c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Lime, cement, and stucco continue in request with a fair demand at previous prices. Brick is quite weak at $11.50 per m., there is a large surplus in the hands of manufacturers, a great portion of which will have to be carried over; the advent of winter having suspended building to any considerable extent. We quote: Stucco, $2.80@2.85; New York stucco, casting, $2.75@4.50; superfine do, $4.00@4.50; Scotch lime cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica cement, $2.00 per bbl; Louisville cement, $2.25@2.40; raisins, new, $2.75@2.85; blackberries new, 11½@12c; raspberries, 35@37c; pitted cherries, 26@28c; peaches, pared, 19½@20½c; peaches, halves, 11½@12c; do, mixed, 5½@6½c; apples, Southern, new, 6@6½c; do Western, 7@7½c; Michigan, 8@9c. NUTS—Filberts, 14@15c; almonds, Tarragona, 23c; English walnuts, 14@15c; Naples walnuts, 19@20c; Brazils, 14@15c; Pecans, 10@12½c; African peanuts, 7c; Wilmington peanuts, 8c; Tennessee peanuts, 8c; chestnuts, per bu, $5.50@6.00.

GROCERIES—The general features of this market were the same as noted on the preceding days of the week, the demand continuing fair and prices ruling firm. We repeat our quotations of yesterday, as follows:

SUGARS, SODA—¼@8c.

COFFEES—Mocha, 30c; O. G. Java, 25@26c; Java No. 2, 23½@24c; fancy Rio, 23½@23¾c; choice do, 22½@23½c; prime Rio, 21½@21¾c; good do, 20¾@22c; common do, 19c@19¾c; Singapore, 21¼@22½c; Costa Rica, 23c@25½c; Maracaibo, 21½@22½c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 20¼@21c; Stearine, 13½@16½c.

RICE—Patna, 8¼@8¾c; Rangoon, 7¼@7¾c; Carolina, 8¼@8¾c.

SUGARS—Patent cut loaf, 14½@15c; crushed and powdered, 13½@14c; granulated, 13¼@13⅝c; A, standard, 13¼@13¾c; do No. 2, 13@13¼c; B, 12½@13c; extra C, 12¾@13c; C, No. 2, 12¼@12¾c; yellow C, 11¾@11¾c; choice brown, 11¼@11¾c; prime do, 11@11¼c; fair do, 10½@10¾c; choice molasses sugar, 11¾@11¾c; fair do, 9¼@9¾c.

SYRUPS—Diamond drips, $1.35; silver drips, extra fine, 72@76c; good sugar-house syrup, 45@50c; extra do, 50@55c; New Orleans molasses, choice, 80@85c; do common, 65@70c; Porto Rico molasses, choice, 90@95c; common molasses, 50@60c.

SPICES—Allspice, 17@18c; cloves, 29@30c; cassia, 40@42c; pepper, 21½@23½c; nutmegs, $1.25@1.30; ginger, pure, 28@30c; do No. 1, 20@23c; do No. 2, 15@20c.

SOAPS—French mottled, 8¼@8½c; German mottled, 7¼@7½c; Golden West, 6@6¼c; White Lily, 6¾@6¾c; White Rose, 6¼@6½c; brown Windsor, 4½@4¾c; palm, 6@6¼c; Seven Imperial, 6¾@6¾c.

STARCH—Gloss, 9¼@10c; corn, 6½@6¾c; laundry, 6@7c; common, 5@6c.

GAME—Met with a fair demand on local and shipping account. Prices are ranging higher and offerings were moderately large. Sales include 20 doz prairie chickens at $3.00; 10 doz do at $4.75; 20 doz mallard ducks at $3.25; 10 doz do at $3.50; 24 doz quail at $2.00@2.25; 24 doz do at $1.50@1.75; 6 doz teal ducks at $2.00; 2 doz rabbits at $2.00; 4 qr quarters at 12½c; 10 carcases venison at 11@12½c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples and cranberries are in good demand on interior account, and quite firm at present prices. We quote choice apples at $1.40@2.00 in car lots; selected cranberries at $10.50@11.50. The offerings of grapes and quinces are meagre but ample; prices are steady at previous quotations. We note sales of 1 car-load apples at $2.00; 2 do at $2.07½; del. 2 cars do at $2.35; 1 car do at $2.75; 225 brls at $2.50@3.00; 40 brls do at $3.25; 125 brls cranberries at $11.00@11.50; 88 brls do at $10.00@10.50; 30 brls choice wild do at $9.00; 10 cases grapes at $3.50@3.75; 10 cases do at $2.50@3.00; 10 bu selected quinces at $3.00.

HOPS—Were in moderate request on both local and shipping account. Prices are a trifle higher for prime. We quote prime Western at 25@32c; common to medium, 15@20c; Eastern, 28@35c.

HONEY—There is some inquiry for fair grades, with very little offered. Strained and dark honey is plenty and dull. We quote: Choice white clover at 25@30c; strained and dark comb at 18@20c.

HAY—The hay trade was dull, with prices weak and unsettled. We quote the wholesale price paid by dealers, as follows: On TRACK—New timothy, better pressed, $14.00@17.00; do long pressed, $15.00@16.00; new prairie, pressed, $10.00@11.00. IN WAGON—Timothy, loose, $15.00@16.00; prairie, loose, $9.50@10.50. For delivery of pressed, $1.00@1.50, according to distance.

HIDES—Remain quiet and steady at the annexed prices: Green butchers', 7¾c; green salted, cured, heavy, 10@10¾c; do light, 10½@11c; part cured, 8½@9¼c; green calf, 12c; green city veal kip, prime, 14c; dry salted, 16@17c; dry kip, 22c; dry calf, 26c; dry flint, 23@23½c; deacons, 50@60c; damaged, 7¾@8c; all other damaged stock, two-thirds price; branded, 10 per cent off.

IRON AND STEEL—There was no perceptible change in the features of the market. Trade continues fairly active, prices ruling steady, as follows:

Horse-shoe iron	6	5-10@ 7c
Bariron	5	4-10@ 5 5-10 rates
Heavy band	5	4-10@ 5 5-10 rates
Light band	5	4-10@ 5 5-10 rates
Hoop	5	4-10@ 6 6-10 rates
Oval	5	4-10@ 6 9-10 rates
Round and square	5	4-10@ 5 9-10 rates
Half oval and half round	5	4-10@ 9 9-10 rates
Russian iron, perfect	22	
Russian iron, No. 1, stained	21	
Sheet iron	7¼	@ rates
Norway nail rods	9	@ 9¼ rates
German plow steel	11	@12¾ rates
Remainder plow steel	10¾	@12¾ rates
Spring and plow steel	11	@12 rates

LEGHORN—Met only a small demand. We quote Fruska at $7.00@8.00; Malaga, $7.00@7.50; oranges are in very fair demand at $10.00@11.00 per bxl.

METALS AND TINNERS' STOCK—There were no new features to note to-day, a fair amount of trading was transacted at previous quotations:

TIN PLATE—IC, 10x14, $13.00; do, 12x12, $15.50; do 14x20, $16.00; do, roofing, IC, $14.00.

PIG TIN—Straits, 43c; small, 44c; bar, 45c.

SHEET IRON—No. 24, 7¼c rates.

COPPER—Copper bottoms, 48c; braziers, over 12 lbs, 47c; tinned copper, 42c.

WIRE—No 6, 8, 6; 7, 6; 8 and 9, 10c; 10 to 11, 11c; 12, 13, 14 to 16 and 18, 13½c; 15 and 16, 14c; 17, 15c; 18, 19, 20c; 20, 26c; full bundle, 10 per cent discount; fence wire, 6c.

NAILS—Were in fair demand on local and shipping account. Rates are steady and unchanged as follows: 10d per keg, $6.12½@6.25; 8d do, 6.37½@6.50; 6d do, $6.62½@6.75; 4d do, $6.87½@7.00; 3d do, $7.62½@7.75; 2½ do, $8.00@8.12½; 2d do, $8.37½@8.50; 1½ do, $8.37½@8.50; clinch, $8.50@8.62½. 12

...flour, wheat at through rates, Oct...
...50,000 bu; corn, capacity, 60,000 bu; bar...
...45,000 bu.
...Nov. 16.—Grain freights are a...
...easy, and rates are quotable at 10½@11c...
...boat per sail to Buffalo and 15c to Os...
...The sehrs Comsat and Margaret Muir ...
...ing rate wheat to Port Colborne at 7½c. The ...
...ing rate wheat by tow boats to Buffalo at ...
...New York through rate.

PORT ITEMS.

...Wind from the northwest.
...Seaman's wages, $3 per day.
...The bark Northwest is discharging her cargo ...
...Robert Law's coal yard.
...The bark Golden Fleece arrived here to-day ...
...a load of coal. She makes another trip.
...The bark Hans Crocker and the schooner ...
...Dolan's have stripped and gone into winter ...
...The steamer Muskegon has arrived here, ...
...a cargo of flour and railroad iron. She is ...
...discharging at the Goodrich docks.

MISCELLANEOUS MARINE ITEMS.

...The new buoy is laid up at Milwaukee.
...The schooner Mary Nan is undergoing re...
...at Fort Howard.
...The North Pier at Kewaunee was damaged ...
...during the recent gale.
...The Green Bay steamer Dunlap is to be ...
...rigged and converted into a barge.
...The brig Schooner Parker, ashore at Manistee, has ...
...been abandoned for the season.
...The brig between here and Buffalo has just ...
...been in five days by the bark Penesukee.
...A Green Bay special reports the sinking of ...
...the Oswego special reports the sinking of ...
...the schooner Alabama John near there with a ...
...cargo of peas; no lives lost.
...The schooner A. Medbury, which was run ...
...and sunk in Lake Michigan, is Southtown, ...
...and recovery. She was built at Vermillion by B. Par...
...in 1856, and was 226 tons burden, old style.
...The wreckers who left Detroit some two ...
...days ago to look into the situation of the ...
...propeller Galena, which went ashore near Thun...
...Bay, have been heard from. The steamer ...
...are entirely broken up. Although the rescuing ...
...of her machinery will be attended with much ...
...difficulty, the undertaking has by no means been ...
...abandoned.
...O. Van Riper, keeper of the light at Beaver ...
...Island, and Martin Egan, of St. Catherines, a ...
...sailor, attempted to make Mackinac in the ...
...small boat of the schooner Howland, to procure ...
...the assistance of the tug Leviathan for that ...
...vessel. The boat has since been found bottom ...
...up on the beach, its inmates having found a ...
...watery grave. Egan was mate of the Howland.

Vessels Passed Detroit.

DETROIT, Nov. 16.—Passed Down—Props Rocket, ...
JESSE DOWN—Props Phil Sheridan, M. Marcki, ...
Fred Frank (association), Sweepstakes, Champion, Riverside, Young America, J. Magee, Boston, S. A. Wood.
WIND—Southwest.
DETROIT, Nov. 16.—Passed Down—Props Gordon, ...
Empire State, Chicago, Annie Young, Roanoke; scows Kate L. Bruce, Monhark, T. Parker, L. W. Perry, Lime Rock, Orient.
Passed Up—Schr Maria.
WIND—Southwest, strong.

WELLS---BUTLER.

...Views of David A. Wells to General B. F. Butler on "Incidental Protection."

NORWICH, Conn., Oct. 1, 1872.
...Wilson Dewsie, Secretary Boston Young Men's Free Trade Association:
...Sir: Your letter addressed to you by General Butler, under date of Sept. 15, 1872, there are certain statements touching the effect of our protective tariff policy which are so wholly unwarranted that they ought not to be allowed to circulate without challenge and refutation; and as no friend of free trade or revenue reform in our immediate vicinity has as yet volunteered to enter upon a task I propose, with your permission, to undertake it.
...General Butler, in the outset, says that while he is "not in favor of a tariff for protection, but for revenue only," he nevertheless thinks that "varying duties" due discrimination should be given to "incidental aid" to certain industries, and then proceeds to illustrate what he understands by "incidental aid," and what he knows has been the specific benefit derivable therefrom. It would be an interesting problem for General Butler to explain what the revenue to accrue from when the protection begins to disappear, the allegation that "where protection begins revenue ends." And such illustration he selects articles, "worsted lastings" and "bunting"; on the import of the first of which the duty is from 30 to 99 per cent *ad valorem*, and of the last more than 120 per cent—the existing tariff, as I understand it, having been about 68 per cent; on "silk velvets," 90 per cent; and "French brandy," 100 per cent. So much for what General Butler understands by "incidental aid under the tariff! Now for what he knows and thinks concerning the benefit accruing from such aid! Allowing him to state his own case, he says: "Up to within a few years, not a piece of worsted lasting, such as is largely used by ladies' dress, was made in this country. A single manufactory was started which would not have been without the incidental protection given by the tariff, and this reduced the price of all such lasting to the American whose manufacturer and consumer I think, although the amount of lastings made here is very inconsiderable. This I have from information on which I place the most implicit confidence." I am most happy that General Butler admits that he does not, thus, aver from his own knowledge, for it permits me to say, without being personal, that the above statement in its essential features—the reduction of price—does not embody even so much as a scintilla of truth. That this must be so, reasoning on general principle, will become evident to any one who will reflect and reason for a moment on the involved conditions and circumstances. Lasting or serge (a similar fabric used for like purposes) are not the exclusive products of any one nation, any, and their manufacture does not depend on the possession of any extraordinary skill or secret; and if at any time within the last ten or twenty years any one English manufacturer would not have sold lasting or serge, except for an extraordinary profit of 33⅓ per cent over and above a living profit, it is reasonable to presume that other Englishmen would. And if all England combined, then the French manufactures might have been fallen back on, and if the English and French had jointly refused to do business except on this particular and extraordinary basis of profit, then the Germans, the Austrians, and the Belgians stood ready to take the market. So that, if the statement of General Butler's informant be true, it necessarily implies that, as soon as the English, French, German, Belgian, and Austrian woolen manufacturers learned that one insignificant establishment, calculated to supply but the merest fraction of the demand of our market, had been established in the United States, they immediately got together in convention, and unanimously resolved, that henceforth, for the purpose of strangling such formidable competition, they would abate the price of their products one-third—cost alone to their American, but general principles, therefore, the statement that the price of lastings has been reduced in the United States one-third through the agency referred to, is on its face an absurdity, and there is no necessity for resorting to hypothesis to determine what the revenue to accrue from when the protection begins to disappear the allegation that "where protection begins revenue ends." And such illustration he selects articles, "worsted lastings" and "bunting"; on the import of the first of which the duty is from 30 to 99 per cent *ad valorem*, and of the last more than 120 per cent—the existing tariff, as I understand it, having been about 68 per cent; on "silk velvets," 90 per cent; and "French brandy," 100 per cent. So much for what General Butler understands by "incidental aid under the tariff! Now for what he knows and thinks concerning the benefit accruing from such aid! Allowing him to state his own case, he says: "Up to within a few years, not a piece of worsted lasting, such as is largely used by ladies' dress, was made in this country. A single manufactory was started which would not have been without the incidental protection given by the tariff, and this reduced the price of all such lasting to the American whose manufacturer and consumer I think, although the amount of lastings made here is very inconsiderable. This I have from information on which I place the most implicit confidence." I am most happy that General Butler admits that he does not, thus

BOSTON.

Going to See the Fire---A Moonlight Walk Through the Ruins.

The Second Night After---Darkness Over the City.

What Made That Which Perished---Past and Future of the Burnt District.

Recuperativeness of Boston.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Nov. 12, 1872.

A telegraphic despatch from Chicago to Washington made me know that Boston was burned before I was else aware of it.

Stirring down in the city, I saw the Spanish Calvinist, as he looks, Secretary Boutwell, moving along in his cloak, with that sort of high-air as if he would stop this thing of towns burning up by a judicious avalanche of bonds. When a man becomes head of the Treasury, and stock-bull as will, he is a formidable object in Nature. The small-pox gets out of his way, and the compass dances on its pivot as if a human loadstone was making a campaign, or the magnetic mountain had sworn a fearful oath. No convulsion in Nature moves more understandingly than a great man on good terms with himself!

ON THE ROAD TO BOSTON.

At 9 o'clock I was nearly asleep on the night-train. Soon afterward, if I may be allowed the supposition, I was fully asleep. The next thing, I was in New York, studying the newspaper-maps of Boston, and wondering how they were made. Next, I was taken with the queer look of people in the Boston train, all of whom seemed to want to insure each other; and these, as I had found out on my way to the Chicago fire, were the insurance adjusters on their way to Boston to settle losses. Nothing is so noble and so praiseworthy, besides being uncommon, as to see a young man, aged 33, the possessor of a telegraph despatch across the cable saying: "Williams, proceed to Boston, and settle our losses dollar for dollar. The Great London & Cheapside Company settles without an audible murmur, and asks a continuance of the same." Conscious that some of these much-trusted gentlemen wanted to tell me about it, I opened both ears and shut my eyes, and the next thing I heard was "Springfield!" There I ate my soup at the Massasoit House, and wished that it had more of the fire in it.

From Springfield to Boston, we took on sight-seers, and people troubled in their depths, one of whom told me, with a sigh, that he had lost everything in the world, and borrowed a cigar of me. With that cigar he smoked like the smouldering ruin that he was. Said I:

"How the deuce does a man who has lost a million feel?"

"Well," said he, "after you get a million and lose it, you don't feel any worse than if you only had a thousand dollars and lost that. There is, unfortunately, no change of grade in total bankruptcy. The man who has lost his only cigar approaches the mental ecstacy of the man who has lost a part of Winthrop square."

All the railroad-depots were full of admiring people merely watching the trains. Next to seeing a great fire yourself is the happiness of the man who is going to it. We passed through four or five towns called Framingham, and half-a-dozen or more called Newton; and then we began to meet great trains of cars, each drawn by two locomotives, bringing away the sight-seers who had preceded us. We were stopped outside of Boston by other trains having fire-engines. After a long delay we got down and walked between brick walls to the depot, which, as we were chagrined to know, had been right by us all the time. About 6,000 people were in and around the depot. I took the Tremont coach, and saw the old twilight glare of fire from settled ruins, which I had seen in Chicago, climbing up the sky like northern lights, and a sense of awe fell over me. The vistas of many of the streets were closed by this opaque veil of silent, almost breathing light, pink and blue, like the grandeur in fire slowly throbbing out, the dying of the mighty Scourger around whom the very heavens bend.

At 9 o'clock I went down into the burnt district, with Mr. Walter Allen, of the Boston *Advertiser*.

THE QUESTION OF PASSES.

We were provided with night passes, signed by the Chief of Police; but, presenting these on Washington street, near Milk, where a rope had been stretched across, several college boys, in blue cloaks, who looked to be in great danger of their pieces, stepped us short, as they had stopped several hundred of their fellow-citizens.

"That pass not good here!" said a large part of the armed college.

"Call the Corporal of your guard!"

"Kon't do it!" said the descendent of Increase Mather. "We don't recognize any civil power. We've got our orders from the military commander, and, as he said he shouldn't know anybody, we shouldn't read his pass if you had one!"

At this point of great moral discipline in the knightly soldier, a person who did not know our business, nor we anything about him, but whom I suppose to have been a kind of natural *commissionaire*, loving to guide people for the delight of it, volunteered to squeeze us through a side street, and, before we could draw breath, had remarked to a set of thick-waisted policemen:

"They're all right!"

With these words the man disappeared, like the Genii of the lamp; and so did we, the other way.

Passing down the alley, with the smell of burning rags and the fall of flaky cinders quite apparent, we came to a venerable and chatty policeman, all muffled up in a woollen comforter, who took our civil passes, and climbed up the side of a lamp-post, and there read them upside down, with a part of one eye.

"Pass, gentlemen!" he said, and, in another minute, we were under the rope, led in a perfectly quiet and abandoned piece of wide street, right opposite the great new Post Office. It was Devonshire street, and all before us were

THE RUINS AND THE LOW FLAMES,

covering many acres, and very striking and picturesque as they still consumed in the dark night, illuminating the wretchedness of each other. A rim or frame of other buildings, scorched but erect, girt round this great crater of flame and void on every side but one, and there we beheld moving lamps of green and white, dropping along the harbor on vessels, or shining down the bay, and, by the palpitating flashes of great coal-heaps, we could see the water itself, and some masts withdrawn from the danger of the ignited wharves. Where the streets of the burnt district passed out of it and beyond, a wall of blacker shadow, still revealing some perspective of things plain to be seen along its reflecting side, met the view; but the tall remnants in the foreground, bearing their martyrdom of slow fire, absorbed nearly all our consideration.

The ruins which I saw in that more narrow space of desolation

WERE MORE DROOPING,

drawn close together, than on any like piece of ground after the Chicago fire. One very high chimney—high and thin, like a shot tower—rose on a slender stem of masonry to the fullest perfection of its former self, every brick in place; and along it the fire, far below, shed from every side such equal illumination that it looked white as ivory to the very tip. It might have been 150 feet high. Flanking this chimney were several porticoes of iron columns, supporting a tier or two of granite blocks spiece, the granite rounded like great bonlders; but the effect at a small distance was that of a number of Grecian orders surveying each other after some ancient sack and waste. The corners of brick structures, where two walls, meeting at right angles, buttressed each other, stood most frequently amongst the remaining witnesses of the city; but, in the distance, there were nearly the whole broadsides of gables chipped off, near the eaves, and sharpened up in angles, and standing there unsupported, like the spurs of higher mountain farther back and invisible. The eye at one time could grasp thirty or forty of these shaggy, or slender, or nondescript forms of masonry tottering in the black heavens, polished with light to their summits, and often reddened there with coals still slowly wasting, as if some sacrifice was extended to a barbarian's deity. Below this higher stage of exceptional trophies of the town, a lower stage of ruins rose to a more intense illumination, and far more numerous than the first; and still below the second were hundreds of clumps of mere heaps of tumbled masonry, choking the flames and flues of each other. At last were the outlines of cellars gaping open, and lurid with the winter's coal, all on fire at once and smitting gases; and, in these cellars, the gas-pipes, twisted off, burned like the taper-bearers of the Nemesis who had done and was enjoying this thing.

BEHIND US, THE GREAT POST OFFICE,

the finest building in New England, and never yet occupied, stood empty, through all its open windows taking illumination to light its iron skeleton, which stood straight and unwarped, while the Mansard ribs above the cornice stood also revealed against the brightened air. But at one corner, near the head of Federal street, a column in the second order was split down the whole face of the shaft, and the capital was spoiled beyond recognition; and, as the eye wandered still higher up the building, it was plain that much of all the granite under that corner pavilion had split like the quarries of Quincy under the quarrymen's wedges.

"There," said a fireman standing near, who had been silent as ourselves in the first awe of his arrival,—there is the wall which saved the Post Office. But for that brick wall next door, down would be Mr. Post Office at this minute!"

Yes. Like a great wing reached up to cover it from danger, an enormous surface brick wall, belonging to a private storehouse, which had all perished except this wall, stood parallel with the Post Office, covering the back of it, and only a narrow alley between. The fire, burning down Milk street and down Congress at the same time, flashed up in the granite face of the Post Office, and passed by to attack it in the rear, where the storehouses nearly touched it. The storehouses fell, and the united columns of the fire fought around this piece of standing wall, and leaped over the top of it, and peeled the granite corner of the Post Office. But the brick curtain stood like a fortification; the fire swept round farther, and retreated along Lindall and Centre streets, nearly to the Custom House; and there stood, all blackened, but faithful still, the brick wall of the private citizen guarding the Government architecture.

The route of former streets was more or less plain to be seen, and we began to pick our way through

THE AXIS OF THE BURNT DISTRICT,—

old Congress street,—over bricks and great granite blocks, now chilly cold, although the *debris* of the fire burned so near. In this region it was very quiet, except that we met half a dozen or a dozen women walking through the puddles, with their police or soldier beaux.

At the corner of High and Summer streets, one narrow building of Concord granite stood almost complete,

A LANDMARK AMIDST THE WASTE,

and its stony face was white as marble in the flashes of the fire. This was a stationer's establishment, on a sharp corner, and perhaps the flames, in their fury, would not tarry for so thin an object, but were divided by it and rushed on to find a broader resistance. The splendid series of stores which used to be the name, as they occupied the site, of "Daniel Webster's Home," were all gone, and the wondrous monuments in granite to the modern boot, in Pearl street, were likewise extinguished.

Of the boot and shoe dealers, 303 firms had been burnt out, and 200 manufacturers were discommoded of desk-room.

Equally prostrated were the great dry goods and clothing blocks of Devonshire street, and the wool-houses of Congress and Federal. The fastidious Church of Holy Trinity blinked, as if with useless eye-glasses, out of its many windows; and there, said one beside me:

"THE BEST CLAY OF BOSTON RESTS."

I though that great Cæsar's clay, at this instant, would be a poor substitute for building material.

At the spot where the fire broke out to take its travels, there stood many empty walls to the west of Summer street, nearly perfect, but undermined, and probably doomed to come down. Over the tops and through the breaches of these, people could be seen in the windows of many tenement houses, peeping down at the burnt district apprehensively. Surely so great a fire was never so punctilious about destroying human life!

From the formerly noble Winthrop square, a fine view opened out on three sides, and the gable of Tarley, Amsden & Co. stands erect and nearly unsupported to its perfect height. In Winthrop square, there stood a wooden door swinging on its hinges, preserved despite the fire; and, in the rear of the same block, another beautiful chimney, calm and white in the night, as if it were a Vestal's testament.

Thence we passed along Washington street to Milk, surfeited with ruins, and unable, between the duties of telegraphing and writing, to pay particular attention to details.

A DESCRIPTION OF THIS FIRE,

if I should attempt to be precise about it, would take two weeks of inquiry, and then would be fallacy. Many owners and custodians of great warehouses were not present to see the progress of the devastation of their premises; for it was Saturday, and hundreds had gone to the country, while even the newspaper-people were holding a *fete* somewhere, and all the Boston press has not furnished an adequate account. Besides, a fire like this moves upon no strategic line, obeys no law of advance, but, like the wind, bloweth where it listeth. In some cases, heroic personal efforts stopped the flame by the resources of desperation,—blanketing the windows and draft-holes, and keeping walls and blankets deluged with water before the fire should come. In this way, the Washington building, opposite Franklin street, was made to turn the iresolute column of the fire, and one Alderman (Jenks) closed the path of the devourer on Devonshire street. Powder stopped the advance of the fire upon State street, and the firemen fought it after midnight on Sunday morning, with as much valor as could have been expected.

OUR WEAKNESS

in American cities lies in caring nothing for fire until it is upon us. We scarcely know that we have firemen at all, and give our Fire Departments over to deprecated classes, until the mighty scourge makes a night stand upon us, and we find that fire is the omnipresent enemy, and we are without an army. Well may the London journals scan and criticise Boston, devoured by flame, though at the edge of the sea, an old and established city taken unaware.

THE GENERAL HISTORY

of this fire is, that it broke out near the southern margin of the rich and dense business district, on a west corner of Summer street. It got all its headway before public attention was directed to it, and in a twinkling had jumped to Winthrop square and carried the better part of the dry goods district. The best food for it, starting off, was the old Mercantile Hall building, a garret of offices, on Summer street, between Arch and Hawley. It had speedily swept part of Franklin and Devonshire streets, the vaunted granite fastnesses of Boston; and, from the place of beginning, radiating like a fan, it swept impartially northwest, east, and north, until it had burned to the water's edge by midnight; and then, carrying off all the new business houses on High street, all the flimsy houses on Broad and Purchase streets, and setting the wharf combustibles on fire, it made

TERRIBLE COLUMNS OF FLAME,

whose general direction was northward, and which—forced out of their paths of advance by resistance, explosion, or change of air-currents—made an attempt to carry State and Washington streets, and were stopped in the attempt before noon on Sunday. Sunday night, the retreating fire set a corner at one which it had spared before, and ceased.

I climbed up a ladder and out upon the roof of the tall office of the Boston *Post*, on Wednesday morning. Mr. Nathaniel Green, the editor, followed me up, and explained

THE SCENE AND ITS BOUNDARIES

which stretched below. There was the whole of the north part of the ruined district, a vast mass of cellars and fallen bricks, and part of nearly every building maintained some tall fragment erect of hard, black, Eastern brick, better and redder than that of Chicago. Some of these shafts of monumentalization were very high, and yet over the tops of many higher fragments could be seen in the distance, and the steam and smoke which came up under the fine sunlight made a haze and veil which disguised some of the western boundaries of this desert, but took no ray of beauty from the bright water and barren-looking islets of the harbor. We saw the cellars full of men gathering iron, pulling out safes with ropes and horses; and, at intervals, some solitary fireman, smoking his pipe, held a hose and directed a stream upon the smouldering coal-pits. The bright uniforms of the soldiery were sprinkled through the landscape, striding up and down where, perhaps, a safe lay still entombed, while the proprietor looked on with nervous and suggestive motions and directions, and the laborers worked with pick and probe, and by hard labor, under the dangerous walls.

THE RICH AND THE POOR.

Under how much obligation are the rich to the poor! How nobly does the poor man keep the silent observations of society, and lend his hand and heart together to help the misfortunes of the rich! I could not help but think that the obligation was with the wealthy, and the nobility with the poor. The few have their influence and aristocracy of organization; but the working many have the harder duty, and well do they observe it, of obeying. Reverse the conditions and wages, and how many of the wealthy would be as loyal to the occasion as these laborers? All the institutions of society rally around the capitalist. The poor employe votes that this should be so, and he is the hero of the calamity.

We saw the great State Street block, just beyond the boundaries of the fire, a solid granite mass, strong as a citadel. Nearer was the Custom House, lifting its low round dome near the margin of devastation. Along the water-front, a large brick block stood perfect as before the fire. Outside the waste were the

REMAINS OF THE CITY, ALL INTOUCHED,—

Faneuil Hall; the little old gabley State House where the Boston Massacre was enacted; the thin stretch of roofs between the burnt district and the Common, where the Old North Church steeple held its place among the graves as when Paul Revere used it for a signal-tower. Beneath us, chipped and scrawny at the corner nearest the fire, the great, empty Post Office stood unfinished.

"There," said my guide, "you see what Butler's Cape Ann quarry is good for. Look across Devonshire street, right opposite us, and see the Lawrence building, with its cursed domes and towers of wood cut by the gig-saw. My office saved that Mansard gimcrackery, or all the newspaper offices on Washington street would have gone, and the fire might have broken through to the Common!"

"Did it blow hard that night?" I said to Mr. Smart, the city editor.

"No. If it had, nothing could have saved the remainder of the town. They used gunpowder with decided effect

ONLY IN TWO INSTANCES."

At 6 or 7 o'clock Sunday morning, they blew up a block on Kilby street, a few doors from State street, and also a block on Congress street, opposite Lindall. Those two holes arrested the extension of the fire when it burnt up to them about 10 o'clock. The rest of the fire was chiefly the burning out of what was already aflame. Up yonder, at Summer and Washington, we had a new breaking out before Sunday midnight, which swept off another million.

"I was on this roof the better part of Sunday night," said Mr. Greene. The wooden Mansards took fire like the wick of a candle; the sentries and elevator-ways gave draft; and granite walls, like those you see behind us, dropped down to their basements while scarcely yet ablaze. The streams of water thrown up here were mere nothings. We fought the blaze from the inside with pries and picks, tearing down everything that savored of wood; and we were two or three times afire, but got it out every time."

THE GREATEST LOSERS.

"Who was the greatest of all losers in Boston?" I asked.

"It is impossible to know. The heirs of David Sears probably lost the greatest amount of building edifice, but the greater losses were in goods, and there it is difficult to arbitrate between stock, consignments, and insurance. We have settled down to the belief that the fire burned over 60 acres, and destroyed $75,000,000 of property."

"How will it fall upon the town?"

"It will probably come harder upon it three weeks hence than at present."

"Which interest has suffered most?"

"Wool and boot and shoe cleaned out; dry goods next to cleaned out!"

TUESDAY NIGHT.

Having described a part of my romaunt Monday night, I will take up Tuesday night as a social continuance of the same theme. Monday night had been a lively night, the streets full of gazing people from town and country.

After the progress made toward the re-adjustment of all social affairs, it was thought that Tuesday night would show a re-enlivened city; and, early in the evening, the stores and theatres were made ready for entertainment, and the promenade began. But at the fall of dark it was found that the gas burned worse than the night before; it would scarcely burn at all; at 6 o'clock it had

ALL GONE OUT,

and the streets were clad in darkness, like those of old London when high-waymen swarmed, and the gentry ventured abroad in their chairs, guarded and surrounded with flambeaux-men. Little light was reflected from the now smouldering and nearly spent ruins, and the narrow arteries between the Common and the Revere House, where the homeward-bound, the belated, and the idle and cyprian class walk, were filled with currents of indistinguishable forms, passing the dim candle-lighted windows in forlornness of feeling, until there was indeed folly or crime were dispersed by a peremptory rain, and then the street-cars rolled slowly and crowded to the suburbs. It was a good night for candle-makers, and this city exported in prior time $75,000 worth of candles annually. A city with a big hole burnt in it where the driving wheel used to stand will feel its injury sooner or later; but the absence of modern light it will feel at once. Every man was hurried by a sullen and forward spirit to seek worse company than his own, repaired to his lodging, with a couple of candles in his pocket, and listened to the steam fire engines tooting in the dark like steamboats in a fog, and to the monotonous roll of militia drums as they marched to change guard in the burnt district, and to rushing water from the hose-pipes, and a patter of rain.

Hour was like hour of relief for us to ask

WHAT WAS THIS BOSTON

that had nearly been wiped out of the world?

It was a city of 250,000 souls, which had grown nearly 50,000 since 1860, and in the year 1800 had but 30,000 people. It had been a settlement more than 250 years, and was the first in maritime and commercial place and nearly a century and three-quarters before this fire, it had published the first newspaper on the American Continent. It was the turbulent cradle of the War of Independence, and by the year 1807 it owned one-third of all the shipping in the United States.

In 1822, Boston became a city, dividing 15,000 votes on the proposition, although in the first year of Washington's Administration, it had contained but 18,000 people.

It was, at the time of the fire, possessed of $585,000,000 of property and wealth,—an increase of more than 100 per cent in ten years; and each inhabitant, counted *pro rata*, was worth $2,300.

It had also become a very different city in topographical outline from its ancient self, having reclaimed 980 acres from the sea, or 800 more than were burned over in the fire; and, by suburban reclamations of Back Bays, and the annexation of its suburbs, it had increased from its original 690 acres to 10,170 acres, all well populated. Of this the great fire burned over less than one-hundredth part, or about 90 acres; and, of the wealth of Boston, one-seventh, or little more than a year's increase of wealth in the current period.

THE BUSINESS OF BOSTON.

Boston's career had been diverted from the sea to the land by natural causes, and the effect of legislation of its own seeking; but its imports at the time of the fire were about $55,000,000 worth, and its exports about $15,000,000. The total movement of tonnage from its doors was about 800,000 tons, with 3,400 arrivals and departures of vessels per annum; but the vessels entered far exceed in business those clearing for foreign ports. As a home port of vessels, Boston has 240,000 tonnage, or four times more than Chicago; and nearly 60 steamers and above 870 sailing vessels are registered here. Its larger mercantile moorings seemed also to be slipping toward New York, which had the advantage of it in fuller railway connections to a wider market. Boston maintained eight railways, and had steam coastwise lines no farther south than Norfolk, and westward only to the British Provinces, except one weekly steamship to Liverpool, which feeble tenure on Europe it had all to lose. It had 1,000,000 of coastwise steam tonnage arriving and departing annually, but its great trade in this commerce had dropped to 16,000 tons.

But the trade in boots and shoes, leather, and wool, and materials for use to de manufacture, Boston still kept in an eminent degree, and its banking and reserve capital was very formidable and widely invested. It gave shape and support, perhaps more than any other influence in America, to the policy and establishments of the Federal Government, particularly to its financial system, and owned one-tenth of all the capital of the National Banks,—a gross sum of not less than $55,000,000 of greenback currency. Its hand was in many a distant bank; it controlled railways to the Valley of Salt Lake, and, by its Vermont extension, controlled a large system of roads to the Mississippi Valley. In nearly every prosperous city of the North and West it made and profited by the greater improvements, and was not less mindful of its own civic architecture, embellishments, and more spiritual institutions. The public schools, libraries, and University were the best in the Republic; its intellectual and public life were better organized than anywhere in the world; and these excellencies it bade fair to retain, though it had surrendered to the inevitable and lost the commercial supremacy at home.

SUCH WAS THE BOSTON OF 1872,

whose fame has been a household word over the world for a week, due to its great calamity,—a name it acquired from the small English shire town whence several of its prominent first settlers came.

This conflagration had been preceded by

A SERIES OF CONSIDERABLE FIRES,

extending through a long term of years,—the first of which, in 1676, consumed 45 dwellings, some warehouses, and a church. Three years later, 80 dwellings, 70 stores, and some vessels were burned, near the site of the present fire. In 1711, at another large fire, gunpowder was used to blow up buildings and arrest the flames. Fifty years after this, and on the spot of the present waste, 350 houses and shops were destroyed; and, to aid the sufferers, George Whitefield took up a collection in London. In 1787, 100 structures in Boston were burnt; in 1825, 53 fed the flame; and, in 1835, 40 other edifices went down before the same destroyer.

No great fire has taken place in Boston, out of the common run, for thirty-seven years.

That the fire we are now lamenting should have made havoc in Boston City would surprise none familiar with its density, and the alley-like labyrinth of its streets (so much like elder London in the neighborhood of St. Paul's), except for the solid and stone-like cast of its business edifices, which were built of all the varieties of

NEW ENGLAND GRANITE,

the Quincy and and Concord granite predominating. But the two great fires of our period have disproved the incombustibility of stone, which, unlike brick, the creature of the fire, became the victim of heat, if not of flame. A geologist might find it well worth his while to roam over this waste of granite, and ask whether the boulders he has attributed to the action of water were not quarried from the mountain by its inner heat. They are true boulders in shape, and need only to be rolled awhile in the rapids to appear oval and polished like the mammoth boulders on the plains. The problem of the builder would seem to be heat as well as flame, after this wholesale combustion, which expands the stoutest walls as if they were elbowed asunder. The very slabs of granite pavements are, in places, splintered, and the corrugations made upon them by the chisel scarcely show in relief.

The part of the city devastated by the fire was the

NATURAL SITE OF THE CITY

by its position on the most open part of the harbor, facing directly toward the sea, and also occupying the lowest and most level plain on the hilly peninsula of elder Boston.

To look upon in old days, the city site seemed to be three hills, whence the name Tremont, and between two of these a dell rolled downward to a plain and cape facing the port. Here the business town was built, and some of the streets circled round the foot of the nearest hill, while others, descending straight to the water, crossed them or emptied into them without consideration of angles; and again the docks, reaching up into the town behind the hill, demanded conduits of their own, which assisted confusion. There the business part of Boston is

WITHOUT FORM OR LIKENESS,

and the growth of the city and uniform prosperity have given no time to set new stakes and straighten the perverse paths. These streets were often mere lanes, and one of them burnt over by the fire, now called High street, used to be Cow lane, manifestly surveyed by cows. Another, which has reached the dignity of Broad street, was called Hatcher's lane. Congress street, unless my charts deceive me, was Long lane, and Pearl street was a ropewalk. But two of the leading modern streets which the fire chose for its spoil retain their provincial names, namely: Summer street and Milk street. Devonshire street was Pudding alley, and the great Washington street of our period was alternately Cornhill and Marlborough street. It is to be wondered at that conflagration delayed so long to take advantage of what was so easy a prey; and to monumentalize these narrow corridors with some of the highest business-blocks in the world seems, after this lesson, merely to have erected flues to guide and ventilate the fire.

PRICES OF LAND.

Still, few pieces of ground in our period commanded prices such as were put upon this business part of Boston. As long ago as 1857, when the neighboring State street block was built upon reclaimed land, as much as $18.75 per superficial foot was asked and received. The site of the Sears Building, just outside the burnt district, brought $43 per square foot in 1868, and $50 per foot would not, perhaps, be deemed a preposterous valuation for much of the ground now covered with the ruins of the property thus destroyed for damages. It is said that so loosely were the permits to use powder, drawn and given to different parties, that they might have, under them, blown up the entire city at their discretion. The number of buildings blown up is quite large, and of those shattered the number is also considerable.

Report of the Citizens' Relief Committee—Speech of the Rev. Laird Collier.

At the public meeting in Boston, Nov. 13, Mr. William Gray presented the following report from the Citizens' Relief Committee:

On the nomination of the Mayor of Boston, a Committee, consisting of William Gray, William Claflin, Mayor Gaston, Otis Norcross, and fifty-six others, were appointed to take charge of and distribute any contributions which might be made in aid of sufferers by the recent fire, and to consider and advise what action should be taken on the various subjects presented by the event.

This Committee has established a bureau of relief, with headquarters at the Charity Bureau, in Chardon street, to whom all applications for assistance may be made, and who will investigate all cases presented and advise as to the relief to be granted. The General Committee has appointed Hon. Otis Norcross as its Treasurer, and he will take charge of all contributions in money which may be sent to him.

It has appointed a Committee of Finance, under whose direction all pecuniary subscriptions will be applied; also, a Committee of seven to take into consideration the whole subject of the fire, and to report such recommendations to the General Committee as it should see fit.

A Committee of ladies was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis, Mrs. William Gaston, and twenty-six others, to secure work and aid for such women as may have been deprived of employment by the fire.

The General Committee has approved the following resolutions, and directed that they be submitted to the citizens of Boston at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at noon:

Resolved, That the appeal to the City of Boston to establish anew in the burnt district the lines of all of the streets which are too narrow or too crooked for the present and future wants of the chief city of New England imperatively demands immediate action.

Resolved, That the citizens of Boston respectively but earnestly request the Commissioners of Streets and City Council of Boston immediately to revise and establish the lines of the streets in the district upon a comprehensive and liberal plan, relying on the character, energy, and progressive spirit of the people to approve such action, and we pledge ourselves to support the Commissioner and City Council in the exercise of the power and responsibility belonging to them in this regard.

Resolved, That the citizens of Boston earnestly request the City Council to prohibit any further construction of Mansard roofs, and to limit the height of all buildings within the city limits, so that such a conflagration as has just taken place may not be repeated.

Resolved, That the time and opportunity for the erection of a Merchants' Exchange in the centre of business, associating together all engaged in mercantile pursuits, has arrived, and we strongly advise that steps be taken at once to procure a charter from the Legislature to purchase a proper site, and to erect a suitable building adapted to the uses and worthy of the merchants of Boston.

The General Committee has appointed Mayor Gaston, Postmaster Burt, and Hon. E. S. Tobey a Committee to petition the General Government to acquire streets so as to enlarge the present site for Government buildings.

It has also appointed the Hon. Josiah Quincy, Collector Russel, and Mr. James L. Little a Committee to request Massachusetts Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of an act of Congress allowing the same drawback on building material as was allowed to Portland and Chicago after the fires in those cities.

It has appointed the Hon. William Gray, Mr. Avery Plumer, Mr. Martin Brimmer, Mr. William E. Spooner, Mr. Samuel Hooper, and Mr. William Claflin, a Committee to request His Excellency the Governor to call a special meeting of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the passage of such acts as the present emergency requires.

The General Committee adopted the following votes and resolutions:

Voted, That, in the opinion of this Committee, the position and construction of the Coliseum must be continued, in reference to its immediate neighborhood, and they advise that it be removed as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested, in behalf of the city, to request his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, to call an extra session of the General Council for the following purpose, viz.:

To pass a law enabling the City of Boston to make and issue bonds not exceeding $20,000,000 in amount in the whole, to be payable in not less than ten years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent for those payable in gold, and 6 per cent for those payable in currency, to be called the Summer Street Fire Improvement Bonds, to be placed in the hands of a commission of not more than five persons, to be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, whose duty it shall be to lend such bonds or their proceeds to such owners of land burned over by the recent fire who shall make application therefor, and commence rebuilding on the burned district within one year from the date when the streets shall have been laid out anew as they may be ready for rebuilding, and shall secure said loan upon the said land by a mortgage, conditional for the use of said loan in rebuilding upon said land so burned over, and conveying a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and the proceeds of said loan not to be advanced, until the building upon said land has made such progress as to insure its completion in the belief of said Commission, and such further provisions and conditions to be annexed to said loan by the Commissioners as shall, in their opinion, afford the greater necessity of its use for the purpose of rebuilding on said land, and of its being repaid to the city.

Voted, That the City Council be requested to appoint a commission composed of engineers and other scientific men to investigate the cause of the rise and progress of the fire, with a view to the adoption of suitable measures to prevent the recurrence of such a calamity.

Voted, That a copy of this report, attested by the Chairman and Secretaries, be sent to the Mayor, with a request that he will lay the same before the two branches of the City Council.

Mr. Henry P. Kidder, of Kidder, Peabody & Co., moved the adoption of the report, and said the news came to him just as he was entering Chicago on Sunday morning, and expressions of sympathy and offers of aid were made by all. Mr. Kidder's motion also constitutes the Committee a permanent Committee, with some additions.

Mr. Mudge offered an amendment, which was accepted, which was that Mansard roofs should not be constructed except of fireproof materials, and the motion of Mr. Kidder was then adopted.

REV. ROBERT LAIRD COLLIER, OF CHICAGO,

was next introduced, and greeted with a storm of applause. He said Chicago was in bonds, and the debtor of Boston. Their memories were quick last Sunday when the news came that a great fire was raging in Boston, from whence came the best things that Chicago had. After her fire Chicago beheld, as the first money sent them, $25,000 from Boston, laid upon the Mayor's table by the Hon. Mr. Gray. [Applause.] The banks had been burned, and Chicago was without gas and water, for want of money to pay off the laborers, but that money was used for their wages and the articles were procured. Boston had sent Chicago a half a million of money, besides thousands of garments and other useful articles. The Chicago Committee had now $500,000 in their treasury, with 1,000 families to support, but Boston should have all of it if she needed it. They came together last Monday and agreed to offer all in their power. Citizens subscribed $50,000 within thirty minutes at one meeting for Boston. He would say not only that this money was for Boston, but that the loan to take it. Her sewing-girls and others out of employment would need this money, and they must have it. When the speaker was here last year he was told that the very district now in ashes was indestructible by fire. Boston should see to it when she rebuilt that she did not pile a lumber yard on the top of her iron and granite buildings, and that she widened her streets so as to give a lesser chance to the flames. Mr. Collier concluded amid great applause and cheers.

Vessels Passed Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 17.—PASSED DOWN—Propellers Merchant, City of Chatham, Bay City, Mendota, and barges; schooners E. Fitzgerald, Grace Murray, Warrington, Alice, Light-Guard, Home, Jno. T. Mott, W. J. Whaling, Oheida.

PASSED UP—Propeller St. Clair; barks, Nicholas, Summer Wood, H. J. Bissell; schooners, Osborne, Ford, Nellie Bedington, Mary, Hattie Jas. Paige, Philo Scoville, Nabob, Idaho, M. P. Hunter, A. Boody, C. B. Locke, Eliza, Gerlack.

WIND—Southwest.

Albany Live Stock Market.

WEST ALBANY, Nov. 17—5 p. m.—BEEVES—The market this week has been unusually buoyant, and although the supply was large, still an advance of ¼@½c was maintained. The full attendance of eastern New York and local buyers gave the market an air of animation, and as all wanted cattle the price demanded by holders was readily paid. Those dealers who bought early came off the best, and got all they wanted, while those who held back in hope of a fall in the market suffered the double disappointment of seeing all the best cattle go, and having to pay full rates for what they could get. To-day there was no market of any consequence, as those to arrive were principally bought on commission yesterday, and the few not so disposed of were readily bought by retail dealers. Altogether the market, this week, has proved very profitable to dealers and satisfactory to buyers.

RECEIPTS—The following are the receipts for the week in car-loads, as taken from the books of the Central Railroad: Monday, 50 cattle, 90 hogs; Tuesday, 70 cattle, 6 sheep, 96 hogs; Wednesday, 90 cattle, 6 sheep, 80 hogs; Thursday, 96 cattle, 31 sheep, 63 hogs; Friday, 112 cattle, 28 sheep, 48 hogs; Saturday, 41 cattle, 10 sheep, 30 hogs; Sunday, 16 cattle, 4 sheep, 39 hogs. Total, 564 cattle, 90, sheep, 412 hogs.

PRICES.—We correct our table of comparative value to correspond with the main ruling of the market this week: Premium, $7.87½@8.37½; extra, $7.75@7.87½; first quality, $7.62½@7.62½; second quality, $5.75@6.50; third quality, $4.50@5.25; inferior, $2.50@4.25.

MILCH COWS—Demand active; receipts light. Good cows sell readily at from $50.00 to $75.00; fancy stock correspondingly higher.

WORKING OXEN—Demand and supply fair; prices unchanged.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Demand steady for local and Eastern trade. Quality fair. Prices unchanged.

HOGS—Demand active for local trade; prices unchanged. We note the following sales: William Lester, 274, averaging 280 lbs, at 5¼c; 248 do, averaging 290 lbs, at $5.50; 218 do, averaging 220 lbs, at $5.10.

—We learn from the *Liberta* that the Pope has made a decree, not yet issued, in which he orders the secular clergy of the Roman diocese to undergo a week's penance, and make a general expiation by spiritual exercises. The circular letter with which Cardinal Patrizi exhorts the clergy to observe this penance is about to be published, and contains instructions which in this instance amounts to peremptory orders, that each priest shall confine himself for eight days to severe penitence, as the Divine Providence demands that the sacerdotal virtues shall be put on proof, like gold in the refining furnace. This is the first order for penitence which his Holiness has ordered since 1850.

DIED.

GOODYEAR—Sunday morning, Nov. 17, Birdee Maude Goodyear, aged 2 years, 10 months, and 6 days, youngest daughter of A. and Mrs. E. Goodyear.

Funeral will take place from their residence, 620 West Lake-st., to Rose Hill Cemetery, Tuesday, Nov. 19. Friends of the family are invited.

We miss thee, little darling,
Since thou hast gone to rest;
In Heaven's bright home, happy plain
Where Birdee, dear, is blest.

BARTON—On Nov. 16, at the residence of her father, 142 East Indiana, corner State, Elizabeth L., only daughter of Charles H. and Mary Barton, aged 13 years and 20 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral, at her father's, at 10 a. m., to-day.

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